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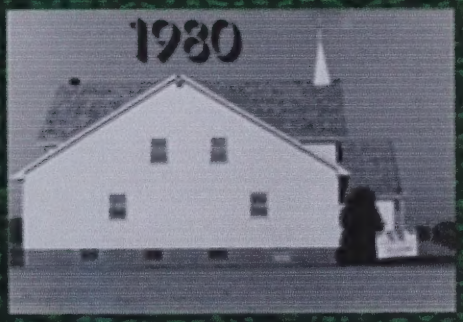

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# Land Through The Years

**One Half acre of land for the Norris Chapel Church was purchased from Daniel D. Metcalf and Margaret J. Metcalf, his wife, on December 30, 1879.**

Warranty Deed
D. D. Metcalf and wife
to
Trustees M. E. Church
Dated July 27/80
Recorded Mar 29/81

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Daniel D. Metcalf and Margaret J. Metcalf his wife of DeKalb County in the State of Indiana, Convey and Warrant to Jeremiah D. Likens, Daniel D. Metcalf and David W. Stewart and their Successors the Trustees of Wilmington Class of the Auburn Circuit of the Northern Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of DeKalb County, in the State of Indiana, for the sum of Thirty Five Dollars, the following Real Estate in DeKalb County, in the State of Indiana, to-wit:

One half of an acre of land off of the South East corner of the South East fourth of South East fourth of Section Twenty Four (24) Township Thirty Four (34) North of Range Thirteen (13) East, commencing at the South East corner running Six and Two thirds rods North, Nine Twelve rods West, Eleven Six and Two thirds rods South, Nine Twelve rods East to place of Starting. In Trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship for the use of the Ministry and Membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America subject to the Discipline usages and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of the said Church and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Daniel D. Metcalf and his wife Margaret J. Metcalf have hereunto set their hand and seals this 27th day of July A. D. 1880.

Daniel D. Metcalf (Seal)
Margret J. Metcalf (Seal)

State of Indiana, DeKalb County, ss:

Before me John Wilson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, this 27th day of July 1880, Daniel D. Metcalf and Margaret J. Metcalf his wife acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

Witness my hand and Justice Seal, this 27th day of July 1880,

John Wilson Justice (Seal)

The above is a true copy and Recorded March 29th 1881 at 9 A.M.

M. Boland,
Recorder

# NORRIS CHAPEL NAMESAKE

**Rev. H. J. Norris**

Rev. H. J. Norris was born at Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio, February 22, 1846, and died at his home in Winchester, Indiana, February 14, 1916. Had he lived eight days longer he would have completed seventy years.

Born of upright and pious parents, who both loved God and loved their country, Brother Norris came to his youth and early manhood during the stirring days of the Civil War. Three brothers had already joined the colors, and he very much longed to share their struggles and serve in the defense of his country. To this cause he heartily offered himself, but frail health rendered it unwise for the military authorities to admit him to the rank of soldier. Undaunted by this rejection, he gave himself for a term to the service of the Pioneer Corps., a service in which he was not required to be sworn as a soldier and in which he assisted in such work as building roads, bridges, and fortifications. Failing health soon compelled his retirement from this service.

Returning to his native state, he entered Normal School at Wooster, Ohio, where he achieved distinction in the field of public debate.

Brother Norris was born into the spiritual kingdom in Wooster, February 16, 1867. This was under the ministry of Rev. J. H. McConnell, father of Bishop F.J. McConnell, of the Methodist Church. He soon after united with the church at Canal Fulton, and the following summer he was licensed to preach. For some years he was a teacher, and continued to teach and to preach until, closing his work in the schools of Dunkirk, IN. He entered the North Indiana Conference in 1873, and gave himself for thirty-nine years to the ministry of the Word. He served as follows: 1873-4 Marion Ct., 75-6 Inwood, 77-8 Fort Wayne Seminary, 79-81 Auburn, 82-3 Goshen, 84-5 Dillon, Mont., 86 Hartford City, 87-90 Noblesville, 91-5 Logansport Broadway, 96-9 New Castle, 00-1 Fort Wayne Berry St., 02-6 Winchester, 07 LaGrange, 08-11 Upland, 12 Superannuaied, 12-13 Retired.

He was married to Hattie Snyder, January 24, 1878. Of his own immediate family he had two children, a daughter Mrs. Edna Foust and son Dean Norris. His illness covered a period of about eighteen months. After the funeral that was held at the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchester, Indiana, his body was taken to Dalton, Ohio for internment.

# BUILDING THROUGH THE YEARS

In the year 1880, the Norris Chapel Building was constructed, consisting of a one-room structure without belfry and altar. There were two wood burning stoves, one on each side, and the pipes from each stove were hung from the ceiling by wire until they came together into the chimney. Sometime later, a chimney was built on each side. In 1899 the belfry and altar were added. Around 1930 Albert Weicht and Ralph Staley built a local shed on the left front of the church.

In 1953, Mr. Ralph Allison gave the church fifty feet north and the width of the church west in a lease for as long as services held in the church. He said if more ground was needed to take as much as needed and that he had fence posts in his barn that the church could use to fence it off.

In 1953, after Mr. Allison gave the church more land, Arthur Rosenberry used his crane to dig a basement. The church building was then moved north its length and east the width of the building. It was placed on an eight-foot wall with full basement. An oil furnace was purchased, the two chimneys were taken down and a chimney again built at the north end. The complete cost of moving the church, labor, and material was approximately $4,000. The well was drilled in 1954. In 1957, the altar was replaced by one built by Wayne Myers and Rev. William Mathys and donated by the MYF.

On April 14, 1961, Ivan Rosenberry came with his backhoe and started digging the basement for a new addition to be added to the west side. The building committee was Keith Culler-chairman, Albert Weicht, Glen Heffley, Delbert Martin and Ed Brown. Building Fund Treasurer was Harold Albert. Rev. Harry McCrum laid block and Ed Brown was the contractor. The new addition consisted of a cloakroom, three classrooms, two rest rooms and basement. The cost of the new addition was $10,000 and it was completely paid off in September of 1963.

The bell was taken down on May 11, 1961 and the Adult Class later mounted it on the church lawn. The church was shingled in an off white color at this time by the men of the church and a new roof put on. In the summer of 1979, white aluminum siding replaced the shingles.

Rev. Everett Haines built the cross. Rev Haines and his wife erected it in September of 1963. In August of 1978, a windstorm blew the cross down and it was rebuilt by Rev. Haines and again mounted on the roof. In May of 1962, men and women gathered at the church and zip stripped all the varnish from the pews and refinished them. Rev. Haines built and installed the cupboards in the basement in 1963 and 1964. Sinks were changed and Formica added. In 1964 the railing was purchased, as well as a new altar (third one) costing $510. Shortly after, a new pulpit was added. The folding doors, costing $500, were installed in the basement in 1966 and Loyal Norton built and installed the choir risers in April of 1964.

The north window in the sanctuary was stain glassed in 1967 in memory of Glen Heffley and in 1969 the Young Disciples Class stain glassed the other two windows. Leslie Brown made the white cross that hung in the front of the sanctuary, however it is no longer there.

In May of 1968, United was added to the church name, due to the merger of the United Brethren and Methodist Churches. The church name became Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. In 1968, also the library was started with the help of Martha Freed, first librarian.

Larry and Carolyn Heffley planted the trees on each side of the bell in April of 1968. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1968 with a lowered ceiling, paneling on the walls, refinished wainscoating, new hanging lights and new clock. It was dedicated on January 19, 1969. The cost was $2,364.32. Shortly after, a new ceiling was added in the basement. Elson, Gary and Monte Brown did the carpenter work with the help of all the men in the church.

The top classroom was partitioned in May of 1967 to make two rooms available. The carpet, costing $1,500 was added in the sanctuary in May of 1969. Cushions were added to the pews in February of 1972 as well as new padding on the communion rail and kneeling bench. The new glass doors, costing $515, were installed in the entrance of the church as well as the dusk to dawn light at about the same time.

In September of 1970, Lester Brown gave the church one-half acre for parking space on the west side. Up until this time, the parking was in front of the church and to the east of the church. This one-half acre was a lease for as long as services were held in the church.

In November of 1970, the church purchased five acres of land from Glen Myers for $2,000. The five acres is directly east across from the church. Sam Eberly and John Ramer farmed this land each year until Sam moved away and then John did the farming for Norris.

The Young Disciples Class redecorated the vestibule and cloakroom in June of 1972. They paneled the vestibule, painted the cloakroom and carpeted both rooms. The nursery was partitioned off in 1972, costing $268.62. Jay and Mark Freed and Gene Warstler built the music closet in March of 1973.

Twice in 1978, the devil tried very hard to break into Norris Chapel. In the spring and again in the fall a car ran into the east side, both times suspending the car in the wall. After that Fred Surface, handyman fixed up a flood light next to the bell.

It became necessary to lock the church in 1968 because of so many break-ins and after that a telephone was installed.

At one time a big elm stood on the corner by the road, and in 1961 it was felt necessary to cut it down. The Willing Worker's class donated the sign in front of the church in 1960. Shrubs and gravel have been donated for the parking lot through the years.

On June 15, 1987, a new wooden cross was installed and lighted in the front of the sanctuary. It was made by Loyal Norton and donated by the Norton families.

Our new steeple for the church was installed June 8, 1989. Keith Keltner donated the crane to install the steeple. The same gentlemen that ran into the church in 1978 put the cross that is on top of the steeple in place.

In 1991 a new addition was added onto the church. The addition was 56'x 76'. This consists of a 40' x 60' fellowship hall that will seat 250 to 300 people. A new kitchen 15' x 30' that has top and bottom oak cabinets, two gas stoves, two refrigerators, one hand sink and three – two bowl sinks. There are three – 5' openings for the serving area and one – 22" opening for pass through of trays and dishes. All openings have fire doors for closure.

There are two new classrooms in the new addition, two restrooms, one nursery with access to the restroom, one storage room and two furnace rooms with one – 100,000 BTU-LP furnace in each. The air conditioning consists of three – five ton cooling units.

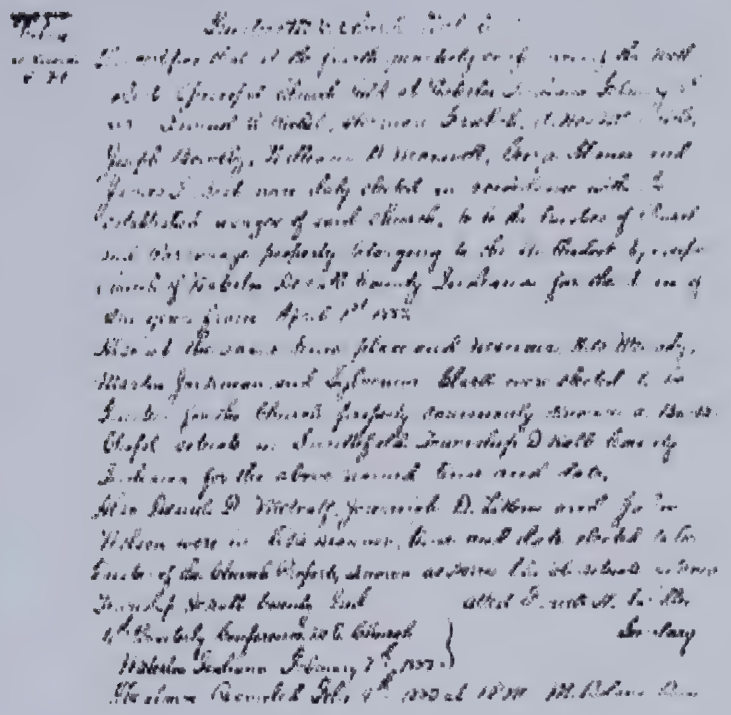
There are 470 square yards of carpet in the fellowship hall, classrooms and foyer-ramp area. The foyer ramp area is 8' x 30'. The kitchen and restrooms have 103 square yards of vinyl floor covering. There are three emergency lights installed in the new addition and four-lighted exit signs. There are also three coat racks installed in these areas.

The sanctuary was increased by 300 square feet. New carpeting has been laid in the entire sanctuary area consisting of 230 square yards. Three new stained glass windows were installed in sanctuary on the south wall.

The outside concrete ramp is 4' x 60', with a 16' x 20' canopy for drive through. A 4" well was drilled 95' deep. The state required the sewage system to be an above ground mound system. The area of the parking lot has not been determined at this time. A new sign was purchased for the outside. The total cost of this project was in access of $200,000.00. The amount borrowed is $150,000.00.

July 8, 1990, we approached Buzz Brown about buying 1-½ acres west of the church. The only thing he would do was swap the five acres across from the church east for the 1-½ acres. Hardly a fair swap, but Norris did it.

# ELECTED TRUSTEES – 1883



## DANIEL D. METCALF

He was born January 19, 1840 in Ohio and died April 4, 1919 at age 79. His wife's name was Margaret. He was a farmer who had heart problems. See map of 1880 showing he lived first house west of Norris Chapel.

## JEREMIAH D. LIKENS

He was born October 27, 1837. He served in the 30th Infantry, Company H (composed almost wholly of DeKalb County Men), was mustered in as a Sergeant. On September 24, 1861, he was promoted to second lieutenant, commissioned first lieutenant December 19, 1864, and captain February 4, 1865. He married Matilda E. Walsworth on January 31, 1864. In 1884 he was living in Nebraska and as far as is known never returned from there. See map of 1880 showing he owned 80 acres on corner of Road 8 and County Road 49 and lived there.

## JOHN WILSON

He was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, March 14, 1840, a son of James and Jane (Moody) Wilson, who came to DeKalb County in the fall of 1844 and settled in the woods on Section 33, Wilmington Township, coming from Ohio in a one-horse wagon. The father died in 1847. When a youth our subject learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it several years. He spent a year and a half in Traverse Bay, Michigan. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company E, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, known as General Lew Wallace's Zouaves, and served over four years. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Hyman, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Port Gibson, Champior Hills and several others. He was married May 17, 1866 to Amanda Bair, daughter of Rudolph Bair, who moved to Allen County, Indiana in 1845. Mrs. Wilson was a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and born in September of 1844. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born four children, Morton R., James A. B., Alma O. and Mary M.

Mr. Wilson served Union Township as Justice of the Peace five years, when he resigned. He was a successful farmer owning 150 acres of valuable land, sixty acres of it being in Union Township. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He died on April 1st, 1903, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was 63 years of age. See map of 1880 showing his residence to be on the southwest corner of County Road 47 and 40.

# TRUSTEES THROUGH THE YEARS

Trustees were not recorded every year, but listed below are the trustees that were recorded at the Recorder's Office, Courthouse, Auburn.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1880 | Daniel Metcalf, David Stewart, Jeremiah Likens |
| 1883 | Daniel Metcalf, Jeremiah Likens, John Wilson |
| 1884 | Daniel Metcalf, David Stewart, Levi Baughman |
| 1886 | Daniel Metcalf, David Stewart, John Wilson, Isaiah Likens, Isaiah Stroh |
| 1911-12 | J. Albert Rennecker, Isaiah A. Likens, Orin Nimmins |
| 1913 | Isaiah A. Likens, J. Albert Rennecker, Orin M. Nimmins |
| 1914-15 | O.M. Nimmins, J. Albert Rennecker, Clark Whetzel |
| 1929 | Mrs. Laura Cooper, Mrs. Effie Wilson |
| 1935 | Eugene Carper, Susan Sherwood, Albert Weicht, Lester Rennecker, Mabel Esselburn |
| 1938 | Eugene Carper, Susan Sherwood, Albert Weicht, Lester Rennecker, Mrs. James Moore |
| 1939 | Eugene Carper, Albert Weicht, Mrs. James Moore, Lester Rennecker, Mrs. Ralph Staley |
| 1949 | Albert Weicht, Darwin Troyer, Lester Rennecker |
| 1950-52 | Albert Weicht, Harold Albert, Lester Rennecker |
| 1955-56 | Albert Weicht, Keith Culler, Lester Rennecker |
| 1957 | Albert Weicht, Keith Culler, Harold Albert |
| 1958 | Albert Weicht, Harold Albert, Avon Caldwell |
| 1959 | Harold Albert, Avon Caldwell, Mrs. Pauline Hefty, Loyal Norton, Lester Rennecker |
| 1960 | Avon Caldwell, Mrs. Pauline Hefty, Loyal Norton, Lester Rennecker, Thornton Zeisloft |
| 1962 | Keith Culler, Mabel Wagner, Frank Wagner, Glen Heffley |
| 1963 | Delbert Martin, Keith Culler, Frank Wagner, Mrs. Frank Wagner, Glen Heffley |
| 1964 | Mrs. Frank Wagner, Don Korff, Albert Weicht, Don Myers, Delbert Martin, Keith Culler |
| 1966 | Don Korff, Albert Weicht, Roy Culler, Don Myers, Keith Culler, Delbert Martin |
| 1967 | Roy Culler, Don Myers, Keith Culler, Delbert Martin, Sam Eberly, Albert Weicht |
| 1968 | Keith Culler, Delbert Martin, Albert Weicht, Sam Eberly, Thornton Zeisloft, Avon Caldwell |
| 1969-71 | Sam Eberly, Albert Weicht, Thornton Zeisloft, Avon Caldwell, Donald Korff, Gene Warstler |
| 1972 | Gene Warstler, Wayne Culler, Sam Eberly, Albert Weicht, Allen Albert, Ron Hefty |
| 1973 | Sam Eberly, Albert Weicht, Allen Albert, Ron Hefty, Delbert Martin, Wayne Culler |
| 1974 | Delbert Martin, Wayne Culler, Sam Eberly, Jan Myers, Keith Culler |
| 1975 | Delbert Martin, Wayne Culler, Sam Eberly, Jan Myers, Keith Culler, John Carper |
| 1976 | Sam Eberly, Jan Myers, Keith Culler, John Carper, Jerry Smith, Dale Heitz |
| 1977 | Sam Eberly, Jan Myers, Keith Culler, Jerry Smith, Dale Heitz, Don Meschberger |
| 1978 | Dale Heitz, Jan Myers, Don Meschberger, Thornton Zeisloft, John Ramer, Robert Charleswood |
| 1979 | Dale Heitz, Jan Myers, Don Meschberger, Thornton Zeisloft, John Ramer, Robert Charleswood, Wayne Culler |
| 1980-82 | Robert Charleswood, Jan Myers, Wayne Culler, Thornton Zeisloft, Dale Heitz, John Ramer, Steve Culler |
| 1983 | Robert Charleswood, Jan Myers, Wayne Culler, Thornton Zeisloft |
| 1984 | Thornton Zeisloft, Dale Heitz |
| 1985 | Ted Warstler, Jack Wallace, Carole Reynolds |
| 1986 | Robert Charleswood, Loyal Norton, Dennis Zeisloft |
| 1987 | Harold Albert, Deanna Treesh, Dale Heitz, Jack Wallace |
| 1988 | Jack Reynolds, Jan Myers, Diana Meschberger |
| 1989 | Robert Charleswood, Loyal Norton, Dennis Zeisloft |
| 1990 | Craig Smith, Deanna Treesh, Dale Heitz |
| 1991 | Arkie Haiflich, Jack Reynolds, Michele Sheffield |
| 1992 | Max Trubey, Mark Henry, Hal Williams |
| 1993 | Marsha Heller, George Armstrong, Deanna Treesh |

# TRUSTEES
CONTINUED

| | |
|---|---|
| 1994 | Diana Meschberger, Dave Manon, Jeff Myers |
| 1995 | Thornton Zeisloft, Greg Myers, Pam Norton |
| 1996 | Arkie Haiflich, George Armstrong, Linda Hefty, Ingamar Opper, Cathy Culler, Jack Wallace, Cheryl Carnahan, Thornton Zeisloft |
| 1997 | Ingamar Opper, Cathy Culler, Jack Wallace, Mark Henry, Cheryl Carnahan, Thornton Zeisloft, Steve Boyle, Lisa Myers, Virginia Norton |
| 1998 | Mark Henry, Greg Myers, Thornton Zeisloft, Steve Boyle, Lisa Myers, Virginia Norton, Jack Wallace, Tammy Shuman, Max Trubey |
| 1999 | Steve Boyle, Lisa Myers, Virginia Norton, Jack Wallace, Tammy Shuman, Max Trubey, Greg Myers, Mark Henry, Pam Manon |
| 2000 | Jack Wallace, Tammy Shuman, Max Trubey |

# LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1944-51 | A.J. Smith of Waterloo |
| 1952 | Ora Zerkle of Waterloo |
| 1953-54 | Mrs. Ned McIntosh of Waterloo |
| 1955 | Albert Weicht |
| 1956 | Helen Rosenberry |
| 1957 | Alberta Cochran |
| 1958-59 | Helen Rosenberry |
| 1960-61 | Keith Culler |
| 1962-63 | Harold Albert |
| 1964-65 | Albert Weicht (Reserve) |
| 1966 | Harold Albert |
| 1967 | Wayne Culler |
| 1968 | Harold Albert |
| 1969-70 | Wayne Culler |
| 1971-74 | Wayne Culler (Reserve) |
| 1975-83 | Wayne Culler |
| 1984-86 | Bruce Palmer (MG) |
| | Wayne Culler (NC) |
| 1987 | Judith Palmer (MG) |
| | Dale Parkinson (NC) |
| 1988-90 | Judith Palmer (MG) |
| 1991-92 | Judith Palmer (MG) |
| | Nancy Wallace (NC) |
| 1993-96 | Nancy Wallace (NC) |
| 1997-98 | Joan Treesh (MG) |

# PREACHER'S THROUGH THE YEARS

**1880-81** **Hugh J. Norris**

Waterloo Circuit (Waterloo, Barker's Chapel and Norris Chapel)

**1882** **Jacob K. Walts** – He was born in Floyd County, Indiana March 21, 1846. Soon after graduation from "Old Asbury College", now DePauw University, with the class of 1869, he entered the teaching profession and for two years was principal of the New Albany High School. He then became County Superintendent of the schools of Floyd. He served as president of the Y.M.C.A. in Albany, and spent many Sunday afternoons visiting the Jeffersonville Prison with a band of co-workers.

He married a fine Christian, Jennie S. Bradley of New Albany, in 1874 and their home was adorned with the presence of three children: Lawrence B. who was taken to his heavenly home in his youth; Frank M. and Elizabeth. For a number of years he was conference correspondent of the Western Christian Advocate reporting the proceedings of the sessions of that body. After thirty-five years of faithful service in the active ranks he retired in 1911. The last three years of his life were with failing health, and on May 17, 1919 at the age of 73, he quietly left this world to be with the Lord. His body was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

**1883-4** **William M. Vanslyke** – He was born March 8, 1848. At the session of the North Indiana Conference held in Muncie in 1872, he was a member of a class of sixteen who were admitted on trial in the Conference. His first charge was Marion Circuit to which he was sent in 1872.

He was married to Elizabeth Josephine Suman of Anderson, Indiana in 1874. To this union were born three children: Lula Nettie, William Ralph and Bernice Katherine. His wife died on June 10, 1910 and soon after he moved to a farm near Lawton, Michigan. He died on March 30, 1915 after a few months illness of cirrhosis of the liver. His body was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

**1885-7** **William David Parr** – He was born near Jolietville, Indiana on November 10, 1855, to Alfred and Margaret Parr. His young mother died while he was still in his infancy and he grew up in the care of a good woman who was the mother of this father's other six sons and one daughter. He married Miss Walton of Atlanta, Indiana on January 11, 1883 and they were blessed with four children. He was admitted to the North Indiana Conference in 1878.

He passed away on August 12, 1917 at the age of 62. Internment was made at Kokomo.

**1888-9** **Hanson Conrad Smith** – He was born near Sante Fe, Miami county, Indiana June 5, 1849 and died near his childhood home July 27, 1913. When just a lad he was converted and at once joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. For a few years he taught in the public schools and then answered an unmistakable call to enter the ministry.

In early life, he was married to Clara Clayton who lived but a few months after their marriage. In 1877 he married Maggie DeWyland who shared all his ministerial life and labors. In 1877 he was appointed as junior preacher on the Mexico Circuit. The night before his death he preached in the church at Sante Fe and then, seemingly in usual health, he retired and in the morning "He was not, for God had taken him". Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery at Sante Fe.

**1890** **Louis A. Retts** – He was born on a farm in Randolph County, Indiana December 16, 1845 and departed this life at Los Angeles, California, May 3, 1912, aged sixty-six years, four months and seventeen days. He was the son of John and Anna Retts. During a revival held by the Rev. Milton S. Retts, he was converted and filled with the spirit and power of God. He was admitted to the Conference on trial at its session in Warsaw in 1868.

He married Nellie Morse, of Holliston, Mass., October 26, 1876. After a happy marriage of thirty-four years she was translated in February of 1909. Five children were born to them. One, an infant too frail for the rude blasts of earth, went home before it had hardly left its impress upon earth. One died at the age of seven.

While Rev. Retts was serving as pastorate at Hartford City, he had a severe attack of typhoid fever and was never able for hard work afterwards. He retired in the spring of 1910. During the last years of his life he was a constant and great sufferer from neuritis and later from hemorrhage of the lungs. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at San Diego, California.

**1891** **J.M. Deweese** – He was born in Morgantown, Kentucky on August 22, 1866 and died in Karnak, Illinois on September 27, 1931. He had been transferred to Illinois Conference.

**1892** **E.F. Albertson** – He was transferred to the Central New York Conference in 1911. Received in 1888.

**1893** **Ulysses S. A. Bridge** – He was born in Columbia City, Indiana September 9, 1867, son of Rev. Henry Bridge (member of the North Indiana Conference) and Maria Anglemeir. He was united in marriage to Rosanna Whittenberger of Claypool, Indiana on June 12, 1889. Four children were born to this union. His wife preceded him in death by only just a few weeks.

He entered the North Indiana Conference on trial in 1889, ordained a deacon in 1891 and an elder in 1895. He retired because of ill health and died in the Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne November 25, 1951. Internment took place in the family lot Mt. Hope Cemetery at Huntington.

**1894** **Alvin L. Weaver** – He was born in Noble County, Indiana January 14, 1867, the son of Joseph and Mary Weaver, and departed this life October 25, 1945 at LaGrange, Indiana. At the Summit Methodist church he dedicated his life to the ministry. After attending Taylor and DePauw Universities he began his ministerial work at Waterloo.

In 1898 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Nichols who was a faithful companion during his active ministry and to his death. To them were born two children: Charles, age six and one-half years, died while they were on the Inwood charge. The other was a daughter, Martha.

Due to failing health, he retired in 1929, and moved to LaGrange to make his home. He was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange, Indiana.

**1895-7** **F. L. Erlougher** – He was born in Milton, Indiana, on October 28, 1865 and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 3, 1930. He started preaching in 1892 and in 1913 was transferred to North Minnesota conference.

**1898-9** **W.F. Dingel** – He started preaching in 1891 at Vedersburg and in 1909 requested his own location.

**1900** **James D. Belt** – He was born in Green county, Ohio January 11, 1847. In 1874 he was appointed superintendent of the Ohio soldiers and Sailors Orphan's Home at Xenia for two years. He and his brother then became engaged in the business of buying and butchering stock at Spring Valley, Ohio until 1876 when he answered the divine call to the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. His first work was in the Kentucky Conference in 1877. He transferred to the North Indiana Conference in 1884.

He first married Tyson B. Baucaum in Muhlenburg county, Kentucky on March 26, 1878. This union was blessed with four children. After 20 years she died on November 4, 1898. On June 19, 1901, he was united in marriage to Laura Collett of Silver Lake, Indiana. They were blessed with four boys.

His last four years were marked as years of continued illness from a disease of the kidneys. On January 13, 1909 he was released from his suffering and went home to God at the age of 62 years and 2 days. After thirty-one years of preaching he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Leesburg.

**1901** **D. I. Hower** – His first preaching site was Harlan in 1896 and he was transferred to Des Moines Conference in 1908. Received in 1898.

**1902-3** **G.S. Cocking** – First preached at Coesse in 1893 and in 1905 was transferred to Southern California Conference. Received in 1896.

**1904** **Louis A. Retts** – (See previous appointment)

**1905-6** **Charles H. Murray** – He was born in 1855 in Randolph county, Indiana. He was the son of Thomas and Hannah Murray. He was educated in the schools of Roanoke and Huntington and taught in the Huntington and Whitley County Schools for ten years. He was converted in the winter of 1874, was given an Exhorter's license a year later and in 1881 was granted a Local Preacher's license and assigned to the Geneva circuit. A year later he was admitted to the North Indiana conference. This was the beginning of thirty years of active service. He was a strong fighter against evils of the day and aroused such bitter hatred on the part of the saloon forces that he was once burned in effigy by his enemies, was several times threatened and even subject to court action. In every case he won the victory for the dry cause.

On October 28, 1896, Brother Murray was united in marriage to Mary Morris of Fort Wayne who shared his ministry for thirty-one years. She was taken away in 1917. They had two daughters, Nellie and Ethel. He retired in 1911 and moved to Leesburg and then Andrews where he died on November 7, 1932. His internment is in the Huntington Cemetery.

**1907-8** **Richard D. Biven** – He was born March 1, 1853, son of Thomas and Irene Biven in Lewis county, Kentucky. Both parents died while he, the youngest of nine children, was an infant. A cousin, who was a local preacher in the Methodist Church, took the babe to his home and reared him. At twenty-one years of age he married Nannie Harrison of Kentucky. To them were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters.

Reared in a religious home, it was not surprising that at the early age of twelve he was converted. At twenty, after a reconsecration, he felt the call to the ministry but resisted until he was thirty-three, when he yielded and gave proof to his dedication by selling his farm. His first appointment was in Boonville, Kentucky in 1887 and for fourteen years was in the Kentucky Conference. For two years he was with the United Brethren Church and then in 1903 returned to Methodist.

His wife died in 1913 and he later married Leota Franklin of Freedom in 1914. Due to illness he took the retired relation in 1924. On Sunday, July 28 while in church he was stricken and died on August 1, 1929, while living at Cannelton. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery, Covington, Kentucky.

**1909** **E. E. Bergman** – Transferred to Puget Sound 1910

**1910** **N. L. Stambaugh**

**1911-12** **George F. Hubbartt** – He was born in Sheridan, Indiana on May 26, 1882, and son of John and Mariza Hubbartt. In June 1906, he was appointed as supply of the newly organized Riverside Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis, being the first pastor. On September 15 of that year he was admitted on trail in the Northwest Indiana Conference. While serving Riverside he met Nora Davy whom he married on September 8, 1909. She preceded him in death on September 20, 1956.

In 1911 he was transferred to the North Indiana Conference. Almost immediately he began to serve on committees and boards, the most important were five years on the Board of Ministerial Training, and twenty-one years on the Committee on conference Relations.

In 1947 he retired and moved to Indianapolis. In 1953 he entered the Memorial home. He died in 1964 and his internment was in Crown Hill Cemetery at Indianapolis.

**1913-14** **Carl E. Bash** – His first church was at Waterloo in 1913 and in 1919 he was transferred to New York East Conference. In the New York East Conference held in Jamaica, New York on April 15-20, 1925, he was permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints.

**1915-16** **Solomon F. Harter** – (In addition to Waterloo, Barkers and Norris he had Memorial Chapel) He was born at the old Harter homestead, one mile north of Bartonia, Indiana on June 15, 1862. He was the son of Solomon J. and Martha Margaret Fisher Harter. He was active in the ministry of the Methodist Church for nearly forty years. He served his first charge, Ridgeville, in 1891.

He was first married to Rose Huffman, who passed away in 1887. In 1892 he was married to Minnie K. Jones who died in 1928. He was united in marriage to Guernsey Stephens, June 24, 1929. Upon retirement the Harters moved to Union City where they resided for fifteen years. He died in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the Harters spent their winters. For several months his health had been failing and on November 11, 1948, at the age of 86 years, he passed away. A son, Earl and a daughter, Myrtle, preceded him in death. Internment was made in the Union City Cemetery.

**FORT WAYNE DISTRICT**
(Auburn Circuit)

**1917-18** **Ezra J. Glendenning** – (1917-Auburn Junction, Norris and Memorial Chapel), (1918 – Swan, Auburn Junction, Meese and Norris Chapel)

He was the youngest of nine children, born to Mr. And Mrs. James Glendenning near Geneva, Indiana on January 3, 1881 and grew into manhood in that community. He married Mary Stauffer on June 11, 1903. To this union was born six children: Edith, Wilbur, Jesse, Melvin, Florence and Paul. At the time of his death, his wife had been bedfast for three years.

He farmed and pumped oil wells until his call to go into the ministry. He retired in 1945 and passed away July 5, 1962. Internment was in the six-mile Cemetery near Bluffton.

**1919** **John Stanley Denbo** – (Swan, Auburn Junction, Norris, Meese, Grove and Bethal)

He was born April 11, 1888 in a humble farmhouse, near English, Indiana to Joseph and Isabella Denbo. He was the eldest son in a family of eight children. When a young man he had a definite call to the ministry while working with two uncles on a farm in Iowa. While attending God's Bible School, he met and married Mable Marian Miller of Clarinda, Iowa on June 17, 1919 and after graduation went to his first charge, the Auburn Circuit.

He became a member of the North Indiana Conference in 1920, was ordained Deacon in 1923 and Elder in 1926. He worked with the Boy Scouts as Scoutmaster while serving the North Webster Charge. He was a member of the Lion's Club, Farm Bureau and Masonic Lodge No. 181, in Leesburg, Indiana. He retired in 1946 and built a home in North Webster where he lived until his death July 11, 1961. Many months in 1960 and 61 he was confined to his home or was in the hospital. It was during his last illness that the Denbos celebrated very quietly their forty-second wedding anniversary, June 17, 1961. They never had children. His body was laid to rest in the North Webster Cemetery.

**1920-21** **Charles M. Hollopeter** – (Auburn Junction, Norris and Meese)

He was born near Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana October 4, 1861. He taught school for several terms and was admitted on trial at the annual session of the North Indiana Conference held in Wabash in 1888. He began his ministry and was active until his retirement in 1927. He led in the building of two new churches and remodeling of many others.

He was first married to Nellie Daniels of Huntington, Indiana in 1892 who passed away April 17, 1924. On October 1, 1925 he was married to Nettie Van Tibbury who died on September 25, 1944.

Upon retirement he moved to Warsaw, where he resided for a number of years. About two years before his death on March 6, 1950, he moved to Auburn. He had been in failing health for a number of years and passed away after a brief illness at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ford Warner, near Auburn. He also had a son, Donald, and three stepchildren. Internment was made in the Leo Cemetery.

**1922** **Irvin L. Pusey** – (Auburn Junction, Norris and Meese)

He was born February 11, 1900 in Adams County, near Geneva, Indiana. He was the son of Noah A. and Anna Liechty Pusey. He was converted, called to the ministry, and licensed to preach from the Union Chapel Church in 1922. His first parish was the Auburn Circuit.

He met and married Opal Leola Walker on February 2, 1924. Born to this union were two sons, Lloyd Wendell and Merle Wesley. He belonged to the F & AM Lodge and Easter Star at Spencerville, Indiana and the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne. He was ordained Elder in 1929.

He passed away on April 27, 1976 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an illness of two months. Internment was at Scipio Cemetery, east of Harlan, Indiana.

**1923** **F. E. Brewster** – (Same three churches)

**SPENCERVILLE CIRCUIT**

(Spencerville, Mt. Olivet and Norris)

**1924** **R. S. Brown**

**1925** **Charles M. Hollopeter** – (See previous appointment)

**AUBURN CIRCUIT**

**1926** **David Clarke** – (Mt. Olivet and Norris)

**1927** **Lewis Earl Clayton** – (Mt. Olivet, Meese and Norris)

He served Norris Chapel and Meese from October 1, 1927 through May of 1928. He lived at home on the farm near Hoagland and graduated from high school that spring. He attended the Chicago Training School and received his BA degree from Albion College in Michigan. Also took additional studies at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

He and his wife had two sons who became High School Music Instructors and choir directors at their churches.

In addition to his pastoring, he was Auditor for the Conference for 7 years, Secretary for 4 years, Treasurer on a part-time basis along with serving a church for 4 years and then full-time Treasurer of the North Indiana Conference for at least another 4 years.

**1928-29** **George B. Dunham** – (Meese and Norris)

He was born near the little community of Latty, Ohio in 1896, the fourth child of Fred and Sophia Dunham. Following graduation from International Business College, he went to work in a business in Fort Wayne.

As a young man he attended the First Methodist church in Fort Wayne where he met Zelma Paxson to whom he was married on July 20, 1918. Shortly after his marriage he entered the service of his country where he served as a clerk-typist in the medical corps of the U.S. Army. He received his honorable discharge May 12, 1919. On June 14, 1920 a son was born to the Dunhams and they christened him Darrell Robert.

Though he had lived the life of a Christian for as long as he could recall it was at a youth institute at Lake Wawasee in 1916 where he made a definite commitment to a life of service to his lord. Ten years later he began to feel within this own heart the urge to enter into the full service of the ministry. He was admitted into full membership of the Northern Indiana Conference in 1934. His service in the Conference began in 1928 at the Auburn Circuit.

Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to their home in Epworth Forest, which he dearly loved. Here he continued his dedication and his service to those about him until his passing on April 18, 1967. Burial was in the Washington Union Cemetery near North Webster, Indiana.

**1930** **Edgar L. Johnson** – (Meese and Norris)

He was born April 5, 1895 to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson in Allen County, Indiana. He attended State Normal School at Terre Haute and began teaching when he was seventeen. At an early age he was soundly converted during an old-fashioned revival meeting at Wesley Chapel in the Wabash District. From then on he was interested in church work, always taking an active part in the affairs of God's Kingdom.

On April 18, 1920 he was united in marriage to Faye F. Lacy, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry lacy, an active minister and was ordained Deacon and Elder in the Methodist Church. Ill health forced him to retire at Florida Station in 1960. He passed away at Murphy Medical Center June 13, 1963. He had two sons, Ray and Ronald. His body was laid to rest in Lindenwood Cemetery.

**1931-36** **Walter M. Hollopeter** – (1931 served Peoples, Norris & Meese Chapels – 1932 added St. Joe and 1933-36 served Meese and Norris)

He was born on March 6, 1868 and died at his country home near Fort Wayne on October 22, 1937. He entered the North Indiana Conference in 1901 and after his retirement in 1933 he was Supply Pastor for the Auburn Circuit.

He married Hattie Romine of Leo who died in 1902. Later he was married to Alice Raymer of Elkhart. Four sisters survived him, one of them being Mrs. Gertrude Carnahan of Auburn. Rev. Charles M. Hollopeter was his brother. He served God in the ministry for thirty-six years. Burial was made in the Auburn Cemetery.

**1937-40** **James Daniel Bell** – (Meese and Norris)

His first church was the Auburn Circuit in 1937 as a Supply Pastor. He was transferred to Indiana Conference in October of 1950.

His appointments were: Superintendent-Auburn Circuit, 41; Superintendent-Munson-Kingsland 4 months; Assistant First Church, Fort Wayne 3 months. 42-43, Superintendent Assistant First Church Fort Wayne, 44; Assistant First Church Fort Wayne 45-46; Superintendent 47-48 Marion, Highland-Home Park; 49 Marion, Highland; 50 Marion, Highland, 4 months. Transferred to Indiana Conference, October 15, 1950.

**1941** **Ben Zehr** – (Altona, Meese and Norris)

He was born March 26, 1894 in Missouri and attended Missouri University. His parents were Levi and Lydia Zehr. He married Alma Stewart in Camden, Michigan. On the 14th of June 1980 they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. No children were born of this union.

Norris Chapel was one of his first church appointments. He retired but did jail service in Coldwater, Michigan 2 days a week. On Thursdays he counseled and had prayer with those in jail.

**1942-43** **Mason Buckner** – (Corunna, Norris and Waterloo)

**WATERLOO CIRCUIT**

**1944-45** **Guy Jeffers** – (Corunna, Norris and Waterloo)

He was born October 24, 1897 in Eastern Kansas to Duke Wellington and Emma (Kruse) Jeffers. He entered the ministry and preached for the first time in Orange, Ohio in 1923. He married Miriam May Lafferty in Cleveland, Ohio on July 20, 1922. No children were born of this union.

Both he and his wife took their first pastoral assignment in 1909 at the Orange Friends Church, West of Columbus, Ohio. Together they were recorded as ministers August 22, 1928. Their ministry included 18 years with the American Sunday School Union in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and pastorates in Five Friends congregations in Ohio.

They came to Butler, Indiana in 1943 where he became associated with the Higley Press of Butler. They served as ministers in the area churches over the years, including Hudson, Waterloo, Norris Chapel, Corunna, York, Alvarado, Barkers Chapel, Concord, Jerusalem and Big Run.

He died following an auto collision suffering a heart attack near Glenbrook Square shopping mall. He pulled from the parking lot into the path of another driver.

His wife passed away September 9, 1992 at age 96. Both are buried in the Butler Cemetery.

**1946-50** **Harley T. Shady** – (Corunna, Norris and Waterloo

He was born February 10, 1899 in Wells County, Indiana, and the son of James Theodore and Celesta (Davison) Shady. He entered the ministry in 1928 serving the Wallen, St. Joe and Taylor Chapel Churches in the Fort Wayne Circuit as his first parish.

He married Mae Florentine (Keller) from Valparaiso, Indiana, on July 18, 1928, at the East Creighton Church of Christ in Fort Wayne. They have two daughters – Florence Mae Brentlinger and Janet Louise Welch.

He served 30-33 at Chester, 34-35 at Ridgeville, 36-38 at Matthews, 39-41 at Ashley-Barkers Chapel, 42-45 at Monroeville, 46-50 at Waterloo-Norris, 51-52 Pleasant Mills, 53-54 at Preble Ct, 55-56 at Millgrove Ct, 57-58 Whitewater, 59-63 at Pennville and retired in 1964.

From November of 1964 he served with the Wallen Congregation until the end of October 1979 when he retired again. On April 30, 1980 he moved to the Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, Indiana. He died April 30, 1983; internment is at Oakland, Ossian.

**1951** **Myron Stump** – (Corunna, Norris and Waterloo)

He was born on May 21, 1923 near Winchester, Indiana and had one brother. He attended rural elementary and high school near Winchester and then Ball State. He taught high school two years before becoming a minister. He served two pastorates before coming to the Waterloo circuit. One of these was at Shrewsbury Church in Massachusetts and this is when he met his life partner, Miriam, who was born in Worchester, Mass.

He was at Galveston-Lincoln-Salem 52-53, Galveston 54-55 and Jolietsville 56. No record until 1974 and he served as Pastor at the Methodist Church at Fontana in California until 1980. No record since. Miriam was Chaplain of a Methodists Girls Home named David and Margaret, and worked at the Goodwill Industries. She also was a social worker for the Welfare Department in San Bernadino, California.

They have 4 sons, Philip, Paul, Stephen and Timothy. A daughter, Elizabeth Ellen, passed away with a congenital heart disease. They have another daughter Lydia.

**1952-55** **Claude H. Simons** – (1952 served Waterloo, Corunna, Norris, 1953-55 served Waterloo, Norris and Barkers Chapel)

He was born in Marion, Indiana on August 15, 1890, and the son of Arthur and Cora Simons. He received his education from Wesleyan Methodist Theological Institute and Bible Training at Fairmount, Indiana. He was ordained Elder on August 24, 1919.

He was married on June 8, 1920 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Dot Emmert of Jamestown, Indiana. After thirty-five years of marriage, Dot passed away on October 27, 1955. No children were born to this union. Claude married Evelyn Stratmeier of Woodburn, Indiana on August 31, 1959 at Wauseon, Ohio.

He served Epworth Forest many years as a counselor, teacher, published the camp paper and rang class bells (known to many as "Ding-Dong"). He served on the cabinet, on the board of Missions and retired from the Woodburn congregation in 1959 but served as a Supply Pastor during 1960.

His appointments were: 1914- Liberty-Old Union; 1915-16 Liberty-Mount Ebal; 1917- Shelbyville circuit, 18-19 Salamonie; 20-23 Logansport, 24-29 Center Chapel, Upland; 30-39 Kendallville; 40-41 Monroeville; 42-45 South Whitley; 46-47 Arcadia-Sedwich; 48-49 Denver-Chili; 50-51 Galveston-Lincoln-Salem; 52-55 Waterloo Circuit; 56-57 Woodburn-Peoples-Milan; 58 Woodburn, In 1959 he retired. Evelyn now lives at Box 132, Woodburn, Indiana 46797.

Claude died on May 26, 1977 at the age of 86 while at his residence in Woodburn, Indiana. Burial was in Gar Creek Union Cemetery.

**1956-57** **William Mathys** – (Barker's Chapel, Norris and Waterloo)

He was born October 16, 1932 in Muncie, Indiana to Wilbur and Agnes (Keesaer) Mathys. He married Joyce Ashman (born December 16, 1932) on June 14, 1955. They have three children, Mark William, Beth Ann and Bradley Wayne. He began his ministry in 1954 with his first appointment at Raub, Indiana. He served Hamilton from 1957-60, Anderson First from 1961-70 and Elwood First from 70-84. Since 1984 he has been Pastor at Winamac.

## PIONEER METHODIST PARISH

An arrangement of ten country churches working together with the leadership of three pastors- (Atona, Corunna, Helmer – Pastor Eugene Stolty), (Butler Center, Cedar Chapel, Swan – Pastor James Fritz) and (Concord, Meese, Norris, Rehobeth – Past John Dicken).

### PIONEER METHODIST PARISH CONSTITUTION

**(Adopted May 5, 1959)**

**Article I – Name**

The name of this relationship among town and country churches located around the trade centers of Auburn and Garrett in Fort Wayne District, North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church, shall be Pioneer Methodist Parish.

**Article II – Purpose**

Realizing that Pioneer Parish is a town and country experiment to which other churches are looking for guidance, it shall have as its purposes: (1) to develop adequate lay leadership in each local church, (2) to provide adequate pastoral service in each church, (3) to help local Methodist congregations to realize their full potential through critical self-examination, (4) to deepen personal faith in Christ, (5) to extend the frontiers of Christian fellowship, and (6) to promote the spirit and ideals of Methodism within the Parish area.

## Article III – Policy

Pioneer Parish shall make it a policy: (1) to lead laymen into constructive solutions of local church problems by stimulating their ability to think creatively, (2) to encourage laymen to accept jobs that do not require the specialized training of pastors, (3) to develop effective programs through cooperative planning and use of spiritual and physical resources, (4) to continually strengthen the effectiveness of the pastoral leadership, (5) to study long-range plans for the future development of the Parish and of each local church, (6) to share all pastoral resources with all churches in Pioneer Parish and (7) to utilize the service of trained lay preachers.

## Article IV – Membership

Section One: Local churches shall become members by authorization of the Superintendent of Fort Wayne District of The Methodist Church and in consultation with the Pastoral Team.

Section Two: All persons who are members of cooperating churches also become members of Pioneer Methodist Parish.

## Article V – The Parish Team

Section One: The Parish Team shall be composed of the professional workers appointed by The Methodist Church to serve the cooperating churches.

Section Two: It shall be the function of the Parish Team to help plan and to supervise the program adopted by the Parish Council.

Section Three: The pastor shall be the administrative head of the churches, which he serves. As such, he shall be: (1) consulted about all church activities, (2) notified of all meetings to be held by church-related groups, (3) included in the formulation of long-range plans, (4) informed of any and all sickness, accidents, deaths, or other crisis situations in the homes of his parishioners, (5) notified of any internal disturbance between families, factions, or departments within the church, (6) informed when persons plan to enter the hospital or as soon as possible after an emergency trip for hospital care, (7) acquainted with the operation of church equipment, (8) furnished with a key to the church building which he shall return to the Parish office when he leaves the Parish, and (9) considered needy of prayer by each Parish family. Furthermore, the pastor shall approve all speakers or resource leaders in religious meetings to be conducted in the local church.

Section Four: Within the pastoral group, the pastor shall: (1) coordinate the work and promote the unity of the pastoral group, and (2) participate in all meetings of unified groups, commissions, and committees at his own discretion.

Section Five: Within the Parish area each pastor is available to anyone for consultation or pastoral services. No pastor expects monetary remuneration for pastoral services (weddings, baptisms, or funerals) to member families. Any criticism of pastoral services should be channeled through members of the Parish Team.

## Article VI – Pioneer Parish Council

Section One: The Pioneer Parish Council shall be the governing body of the Parish.

Section Two: It shall be the purpose of the Council: (1) to provide a forum for the discussion of creative ideas that may be helpful to each church, (2) to promote democratic planning and decision-making, (3) to develop a fellowship among the churches of the Parish, (4) to plan united action where it is impractical to work alone, and (5) to translate parish ideals into practical action.

Section Three: The Parish Council shall be composed of the Parish Team and two delegates from each church elected by the quarterly conference. These persons shall be considered the voting members of the Council. Any other persons who are constituents of member-churches may attend and speak, but not vote when regular delegates are present. In case of emergency absence of the local church delegates, two other persons from that church may be designated by the official delegates to vote on all business matters.

Section Four: The Council shall meet monthly in one of the participating churches. The meeting place shall be rotated to include every member-church.

Section Five: The Parish Council shall have legislative power in the following areas: (1) specific Parish programming, (2) Parish administration, and (3) Parish projects. However, the Council shall not use its power in these areas to impair the effectiveness of any local church.

Section Six: Council business decisions shall be determined by a simple majority vote of Council delegates present at the meeting. Major program and policy decisions shall be determined by a unit vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the member-churches of the Parish. Major decisions shall bind all churches to participate.

## Article VII

Section Four: The Parish shall cooperate with civic and fraternal groups insofar as possible; but Parish programs shall have priority in the life of our people.

## Article VIII

Not available

## Article IX – Amendments

Section One: Amendments to this Constitution shall be referred to the Executive Committee for study who shall then present the amendments to the Parish Council with the recommendation.

Section Two: A quorum of three-fourths (3/4) of the member-churches must be represented at the Council meeting for passage of any amendment to this Constitution.

Section Three: An amendment to this Constitution becomes effective immediately when two-thirds (2/3) of the Council members present at a Council meeting support it.

**1958-59** **John Dicken**

He was born August 15, 1928 in New Castle, Indiana, the son of James and Adaline Dicken. He married Phyllis Riggin (born August 6, 1930) on June 8, 1952 at Geneva United Methodist Church. They met at Ball State Wesley Foundation (Student Ministry). They have four children: Mark, Kent, Debra and Jill.

He was licensed to preach in 1947, ordained Elder and received as a full member of the North Conference in 1954. His first pastorate was as a Student Pastor at Cammack and Mt. Olive Churches located west of Muncie in 1950 and 1951. Other assignments include: Hamilton-Avarado 54-57; Pioneer Parish 58-59; Warren 60-64; Wallen of Fort Wayne 64-66; Mishawaka East 67-71; Alexandria First 72-76; Auburn 76-81; and Superintendent of the Kokomo District 81-87, Fort Wayne Waynedale 87-94 and then retired.

He was a graduate of New Castle High School, Ball State University in 1951 and Boston University School of Theology in 1954. He was a delegate to nine judicial conferences and one general assembly. He served eight years as director of the General Board of Church and Society.

John was an active adult in Scouts earning Woodbadge Beads, elected to the Order of the Arrow and given several awards including a Silver Beaver. He was quite proud that both sons are Eagle Scouts and both daughters achieved first class as Girl Scouts.

He died April 22, 1996 and is buried at Jones Cemetery in Delaware County. Phyllis lives at 1555 N. Main, Frankfort, Indiana 46041-1197. Telephone: 765-654-9520.

**1960-61** **Harry McCrum**

He was born January 11, 1927 in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Harry and Margaret (Bockway) McCrum. He married Marjorie Hjerte on November 4, 1945 in West Virginia. They have three sons: Robert, Michael and Dan.

His first pastorate was with the Pioneer Parish. He then preached for two years in a Mennonite Church in Fort Wayne. After this he preached for three years in the Missionary Church in Sylvania. He has been teaching English since at Sylvania. He is on the Board of Education of Sylvania City.

**1962-71** **Everett Haines** – (1962-65 was still Pioneer Parish, 1966-69 was Waterloo circuit with Waterloo and Norris Chapel, 1969-71 was Maple Grove and Norris Chapel)

He was born January 19, 1917 at LaGrange, Indiana son of Art Haines and Ida May (Detterman) Haines. He graduated from Pierceton High School. On May 12, 1943 he married Evelyn Sechrist of Warsaw. They have three children: Martha Louise (Albert), Nancy Sue and Rebecca Ann (Fleener).

He began his ministry June 1, 1952 serving: Wolf Lake for five years on LaGrange Larger Parish for four years; Pioneer Parish North Waterloo-Norris Chapel 62-65; Waterloo-Norris chapel 66-69; Maple Grove-Norris Chapel 69-71; Gobleville-Beech Grove 71-72; Faith Chapel 72-77; Woodruff 77-79. Everett retired in 1979.

They now live at 231 West 10th Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706. Telephone: 219-925-3697.

**1971-76** **Joseph Hanawalt** – (Maple Grove and Norris Chapel)

He was born April 16, 1914 at Logansport, Indiana child of Monroe and Anna Hanawalt. He married Mildred Branham on August 8, 1938 in the Wheatland Avenue United Methodist Church at Logansport, Indiana. Mildred was born January 14, 1914. They were blessed with three children: Carolyn Sue (Eichanauer), Sharon Jo (Kreps) and John Wesley.

His first appointment was at New Waverly, Hoovers and Killman Chapel Charge in the Logansport District June 1938. He was very active in youth work, having been Junior Hi Camp Director for many years, worked in Senior Hi Institutes and Camp for the Retarded. He made many pieces of equipment and games for youth camps. He initiated and guided a Lord's Acre Program on two parishes and was responsible for two new churches being constructed.

He retired on June 1, 1979. He died March 25, 1981 and is buried at Davis, Burnettsville.

Mildred's address is R1 Box 177, 701 Asbury Street, North Webster, Indiana 46555 Telephone: 219-834-7464. Winter address: 1055 Crosspoints Court, Wabash, Indiana 46992

**1976-81** **Kenneth Spencer** – (Maple Grove and Norris Chapel)

He was born October 29, 1923 in New Albany, Indiana to Granville and Lelia Spencer. He married Millie on November 24, 1942 at DePauw memorial Methodist Church, New Albany. Their children are Lynn Katherine (Crane), Philip (Pastor) and Mark.

He was ordained Deacon June 1956 and Elder June 1958. His first appointment was Mauckport Charge as a Student Minister while attending Indiana University. In 1968 he was transferred from the Indiana South Methodist Conference to the Northwest Conference of the Methodist church. Then the merger with EUB came and he has served under three conferences: three District Superintendents and two Bishops.

His appointments were: Mooresville Calvary 51-54; Deacon St. 56; Carrolton 56-58; Elder St. 58; peters 59; Shelburn 63; Fountaintown 67; TR-NWI 68; Idaville, Eastlawn 68-69; Howe-Pretty Prairie 81-82; Muncie-Wilmore Memorial- New Burlington 82-85.

He retired in 1985. He died October 13, 1988 and is buried at National Cemetery in New Albany, Indiana.

His wife, Millie, now lives at 1332 Scenic Drive, Clarksville, Indiana 47130. Telephone: 812-283-0731.

**1981-91** **Dewey R. Findley** – (Maple Grove and Norris Chapel)

He was born September 15, 1932 in Johnson County, Indiana to Wendell and Doris Findley. He attended Union Township, Johnson County School and Franklin College. He married Kay (Smithey) April 23, 1960 at Honey Creek Evangelical United Brethren Church, Greenwood, Indiana. Their children are Charles (Chuck), Michelle, John and Tom. All are married except Michelle. John has four children, which include a set of twins, Chuck has two children and Tom has a daughter.

His first appointment was at Perry Baylis in Illinois 58-59; Anderson-Frist Association 59-61; Fort Wayne Taylor Chapel 61-63; Perrysville 63-65; Sumption Prairie 65-68; LaCrosse-Tefft 68-71; Silver Lake Center 71-76; Medoryville-Francesville 76-81, Maple Grove-Norris Chapel 81-91; and Morocco First 91-95. Dewey retired in 1995.

He was active in Junior High Camping including directing canoe camps. He and Kay directed sports at Senior High Institute for several years. He was also active in Mission Leadership and both went on a workcamp to the college of West Africa while serving Maple Grove-Norris Chapel.

Their address is 7050 W 300 North, Bargersville, Indiana 47106. Telephone: 317-422-4784

Dewey and Kay were in the following dramas while at Norris Chapel:

| Dewey | Drama Title | Character |
|---|---|---|
| 1983 | Such a Sight to See | Bartimeus |
| | The Betrayal | Pastor |
| 1984 | Love's Anguish | Thief-Hung on Cross |
| 1985 | Who is This Jesus | Pilate |
| 1986 | Who is This Man | Pilate |
| 1989 | Give Me Your Dreams | Devil |
| 1988 Cantata | Power of His Resurrection | Jesus-Hung on Cross |
| 1990 Cantata | Bethlehem | Inn Keeper |
| 1991 Cantata | Pilate's Plight | Pilate |

| Kay | Drama Title | Character |
|---|---|---|
| 1984 | Love's Anguish | Mother of Jesus |
| 1985 | Who is This Jesus | Maid Miriam |
| 1986 | Who is This Man | Martha |
| 1988 Cantata | The Living Word/the Risen Lord | One of Three Women |
| 1989 Cantata | Power of His Resurrection | Mary Magdalene |
| | I Promise | Mother of Teenager |
| 1990 Cantata | Bethlehem | Sarah- Permanent Resident of INN |
| 1991 Cantata | Pilate's Plight | Citizen #3 |

Kay also narrated on several other Cantatas

**1991-1998** **Stevan Haiflich** – (Maple Grove and Norris Chapel)

He was born July 13, 1948 in Wells County, Bluffton, Indiana. He attended Liberty Center School and graduated in 1966 from Southern Wells, which was united with Liberty Center. He graduated from Taylor University.

He was ordained in the Kentucky Conference in 1974 and served as Director of Calaski Fellowship Parish 74-77; Assistant Superintendent United Methodist Mountain Missions Inc. 77-81; then to Indiana Redkey Main Street 81-86; Huntington County South Parish Sr. Minister 86-91; Maple Grove – Norris Chapel 91-98; and is currently at Akron United Methodist.

He has two sons: Philip Todd and Andrew James. They are both married. Philip has a son named Logan James.

Stevan married Shirley Newnam on December 31, 1992 at Epworth Forest. Shirley was instrumental in initiating "God Squad" (a children's program) while at Norris Chapel.

He is past President of North Central Jurisdiction Town and County Association and is Treasurer at this time. He has been to Brazil on a workcamp and in June of 1993 both he and Shirley went to England, representing the rural Chaplains Association. While at Norris Chapel, Steve and Shirley went to a workcamp in Jamaica twice. The first time there were seven people who went: Dobie Opper, Tom Ford, Kerry Heffley, Pam and Dave Manon and Delilah Hare. The second time six people went: Dan and Tammy Shuman, Janet Sutton of Waterloo, Emma Haring including Steve and Shirley.

While at Maple Grove – Norris Chapel, he was very involved with the Homeless Shelter Ministries from 1995 to 1998. He also participated in the following dramas:

| Year | | Drama Title | Character |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1992 | Cantata | Jesus Last Words | Peter |
| 1993 | Cantata | Palms to the Lilies | Simon |
| 1994 | Cantata | Follow Jesus | Octavius |
| | | Crossroads | Conductor to Heaven |
| 1998 | | A Long Time 'Til Easter | |

Their address is Box 295, Akron, Indiana 46910.
Telephone: (Home) 219-893-4252 (Church) 219-893-7123

**March 1999**
**- Present** **Douglas Barber** – (Maple Grove- Norris Chapel)

He was born February 26, 1954 to Lowel William and Bonnie Lou (McCombs) Barber. He graduated from Brandywine High School, Niles, Michigan in 1972 and Manchester College in 1976.

He was ordained in 1980 in the Church of the Brethren, West Milton, Ohio and served until 1982. From 1982-87 he was at Worthington Church of the Brethren in Minnesota. In 1987-88 he served Pleasant View Church of the Brethren in Maryland. In 1998-91 he served two churches in Northern Indiana – Denver United Methodist and Chili United Methodist. In 1991-95 he served two charges again- Leiters Ford-Monterey United Methodist at Culver, Indiana. From 1995-1999 he served at Porter United Methodist in Porter, Indiana. He is a Certified Hospital Chaplain.

He married Theo Laverne Waits in 1977 and divorced in 1997. Their sons are William Christopher born 10-23-81, Andrew James born 11-17-83 and Daniel Richard born 8-5-85.

As of this writing Doug has participated in two dramas at Norris Chapel:

| Year | | Drama Title | Character |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1999 | Cantata | Glory to the Lamb | Judas |
| | | Crossroads | Conductor to Heaven |

He resides at 2008 Fairview Drive, Auburn, Indiana 46706. Telephone: 219-925-2311

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## CERTIFICATE AS TO CHANGE OF NAME

Keith L. Culler, certifies that he is the duly elected, acting and qualified President of the Board of Trustees of Norris Chapel Methodist Church of Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.

That on the 2 day of April, 1968, at a meeting of the members of said Church, more than ten (10) days' notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting having been given, the following resolution was duly adopted by the members of said Church present and voting:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church are being legally and ecclesiastically merged under the name of The United Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, Norris Chapel Methodist Church of Auburn, State of Indiana, has been a local church of The Methodist Church, and by virtue of said merger is to become a local church of The United Methodist Church, by reason of which its legal name should be changed,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of said Norris Chapel Methodist Church, in meeting assembled, due notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting having been given, that the name of said Church be, and the same hereby is, changed to Norris Chapel UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, effective June 1, 1968.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Trustees of this Church cause a proper record of such change of name to be made in the office of the Recorder of DeKalb County, Indiana, pursuant to the terms of the statute in such case made and provided.

This certificate is executed pursuant to said resolution, and in compliance with said statute,

And the undersigned further certifies that the church premises and the

parsonage premises held by the Board of Trustees of said church and situated in said County, are held in trust:

a) that said church premises shall be used, kept and maintained as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Ministry and members of the United Methodist Church, and

b) that said parsonage premises shall be held, kept and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the Ministers of the United Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment;

All subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

Witness my hand this 8th day of April, 1968.

Keith L. Culler
President of the Board of Trustees

Norris Chapel Methodist Church

This instrument was prepared by Francis M. Hughes, Attorney.

# ENTERED MINISTRY WHILE ATTENDING NORRIS CHAPEL

## Thomas Mohr

Thomas received his local preacher's license in 1952, while a senior in high school. His first preaching pastorate was at Milan Center Methodist Church in May of 1954. In 1980 he was preaching at the Western Evangelical Methodist Church in Springerton, IL and was in the process of starting a Christian School, interdenominational called American Christian Training School. No record of him since.

## Glenda Woodcox

Glenda entered the Ministry June of 1978 with an appointment at Alvarado Methodist Church and was there from 1978-1981. Her pastorate consisted of Ossian Faith / Prospect 1981-1982, Helmer / Flint 1982-Dec. 1986, Anderson Park Place December 1, 1986 – July 5, 1990, Roanoke Seminary July 15, 1990 – 1992, Cedar Lake 1992-1994, and Pleasant Lake / Mt Zion 1994.

# Norris Chapel
# Membership
# and
# Pastor's Salary
# Through The Years

| Year | Members | Norris Chapel's Portion Pastor's Salary | Year | Members | Norris Chapel's Portion Pastor's Salary | Year | Members | Norris Chapel's Portion Pastor's Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1910-11 | 34 | $ 100.00 | 1941 | 33 | $ 130.00 | 1970 | 85 | $ 2,477.00 |
| 1912 | 30 | $ 100.00 | 1942 | 33 | $ 130.00 | 1971 | 75 | $ 2,530.00 |
| 1913 | 30 | $ 125.00 | 1943 | 41 | $ 300.00 | 1972 | 85 | $ 2,780.00 |
| 1914-15 | 28 | $ 125.00 | 1944 | 31 | $ 200.00 | 1973 | 94 | $ 3,030.00 |
| 1916 | 35 | $ 125.00 | 1945 | | $ 250.00 | 1974 | 94 | $ 3,030.00 |
| 1917 | 24 | $ 70.00 | 1946 | 40 | $ 300.00 | 1975 | 101 | $ 3,465.00 |
| 1918 | 26 | $ 223.00 | 1947 | 39 | $ 400.00 | 1976 | 100 | $ 3,990.00 |
| 1919 | 35 | $ 244.00 | 1948 | 39 | $ 400.00 | 1977 | 100 | $ 5,000.00 |
| 1920 | 30 | $ 300.00 | 1949 | 40 | $ 400.00 | 1978 | 99 | $ 5,500.00 |
| 1921 | 27 | $ 228.00 | 1950 | 38 | $ 500.00 | 1979 | 104 | $ 5,985.00 |
| 1922 | 25 | $ 250.00 | 1951 | 39 | $ 557.00 | 1980 | 100 | $ 5,885.00 |
| 1923 | 24 | $ 250.00 | 1952 | 53 | $ 900.00 | 1981 | 98 | $ 7,265.00 |
| 1924 | 18 | $ 200.00 | 1953 | 44 | $ 900.00 | 1982 | 100 | $ 7,991.00 |
| 1925 | 16 | $ 173.00 | 1954 | 43 | $ 900.00 | 1983 | 121 | $ 8,550.00 |
| 1926 | 12 | $ 100.00 | 1955 | 40 | $ 900.00 | 1984 | 116 | $ 9,234.00 |
| 1927 | 14 | $ 50.00 | 1956 | 39 | $ 900.00 | 1985 | 118 | $ 9,800.00 |
| 1928 | 9 | $ 27.00 | 1957 | 47 | $ 900.00 | 1986 | 117 | $ 10,200.00 |
| 1929 | 18 | $ 71.00 | 1958 | 40 | $ 1,200.00 | 1987 | 116 | $ 11,124.00 |
| 1930 | 18 | $ 125.00 | 1959 | 48 | $ 1,300.00 | 1988 | 116 | $ 11,684.00 |
| 1931 | 18 | $ 130.00 | 1960 | 54 | $ 1,300.00 | 1989 | 116 | $ 11,684.00 |
| 1932 | 19 | | 1961 | 65 | $ 1,300.00 | 1990 | 124 | $ 12,151.00 |
| 1933 | 15 | $ 36.00 | 1962 | 63 | $ 1,400.00 | 1991 | 124 | $ 12,759.00 |
| 1934 | 14 | $ 60.00 | 1963 | 66 | $ 1,300.00 | 1992 | 125 | $ 13,524.00 |
| 1935 | 14 | $ 80.00 | 1964 | 59 | $ 1,450.00 | 1993 | 118 | $ 14,200.00 |
| 1936 | 16 | $ 75.00 | 1965 | 67 | $ 1,600.00 | 1994 | 115 | $ 14,200.00 |
| 1937 | 15 | $ 81.00 | 1966 | 76 | $ 1,600.00 | 1995 | 121 | $ 15,805.00 |
| 1938 | 35 | $ 105.00 | 1967 | 78 | $ 2,100.00 | 1996 | 121 | $ 16,753.00 |
| 1939 | | $ 105.00 | 1968 | 80 | $ 2,260.00 | 1997 | 121 | $ 17,590.00 |
| 1940 | 33 | $ 135.00 | 1969 | 86 | $ 2,400.00 | 1998 | 120 | $ 17,942.00 |

# NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
# 1880-1885

*AUBURN COURIER* (August 5, 1880)

"Social at residence of D. D. Metcalf about five miles east of town on Friday for purpose of raising funds to assist in furnishing the new church which is being built at that point. Hacks will start from Methodist parsonage in this place at half past six in the evening."

*WATERLOO PRESS* (August 19, 1880)

"The new M.E. Church at Metcalf's corners, southeast of this place, will be dedicated September 5th by Rev. A. Marine of Fort Wayne. A cordial invitation is extended to all."

*AUBURN EVENING STAR* (August 19, 1880)

"The church which is being built by M.E. Society at Metcalf's corners 5 miles east of this place is about completed and will be dedicated Sunday, September 5, 1880 by Rev. A. Marine of Fort Wayne. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The program will be announced next week. H. J. Norris, Pastor

(September 2, 1880)
"The new church at Metcalf's corners will be dedicated next Sabbath morning by Rev. A. Marine of Fort Wayne. A general invitation is extended and those who wish can ride out and back for 25 cents.

*WATERLOO PRESS* (September 9, 1880)

"The new M. E. Church at Metcalf's Corners was dedicated last Sunday."

(July 20, 1882)
"A cheap house down in the neighborhood of Norris Chapel was burned down on the fourth."

(February 1, 1883)
"The M.E. congregation of Norris Chapel gave their pastor Rev. J. K. Walts a pound party on Tuesday evening."

"There was another of those happy occurrences at the Methodist parsonage on Tuesday the 30th. A number of the members and congregation of Norris Chapel came up with a full sled of the substantials of life, the gifts of many friends. Accept our thanks, one and all, for these tokens of your love and esteem.
Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Walts"

(March 22, 1883)
"Rev. J. K. Walts will close this years work next Sunday morning and evening at Waterloo and in the afternoon and prospects are favorable for good results."

(March 6, 1884)
"Rev. W. M. VanSlyke is engaged in a series of meetings at Norris Chapel. The interest is growing and prospects are favorable for good results."

(February 12, 1885)
"Rev. J. W. Paschall of Wawaka, will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath morning at 10:30a.m. and at Norris Chapel at 2:30 p.m. The friends of the church should exercise diligence in circulating this announcement."

(February 26, 1885)
"Mr. J. P. Nash will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and at Norris Chapel at 2:30 p.m."

(March 5, 1885)
"Rev. I.W. Lowman has been holding a series of meetings at Norris Chapel, during the past two weeks, and as a result, about thirty conversions are reported. The whole neighborhood is awakened."

(May 12, 1885)
"Everything is prospering.
The Sabbath School has a large attendance.
Soloman Baughman commenced sowing oats Monday.
Rev. Parr has preached two interesting sermons. We hope he will have good success.
Rev. J. W. Lowman will speak next Sunday evening at the M.E. Church. All are invited.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Magginnis attended church last Sunday. Everybody wishes them much joy.
William Stroh has a singing class at the Chapel for the benefit of the school. He has an interesting class.
The Young folks prayer meeting is continued and doing well. They have a large attendance both of young and old.
We would like to know how Maud M. and Mr. S. and Stella B. and Mr. M. got home without climbing the high fences, crossing plowed fields and swamps."

(May 18, 1885)
"Spring is just coming.
Farmers are preparing to plant corn.
Prayer meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings.
John Weeks who has been very sick is getting along slowly.
Mrs. George Pepple has gone to Pennsylvania to visit relatives.
There was a large congregation to hear Rev. Lowman last Sunday evening.
The fruit trees are beginning to blossom and prospects for fruit are favorable.
Cora Plum is boarding at James Sherwoods. She is teaching an excellent school at Piles School House.
There has been some slurring by the young folks. We hope it will be stopped as it is beginning to make hard feelings.
Fire broke out southeast of the church and the men had to take down a part of the fence to keep it from the buildings. Considerable damage was done."

(May 25, 1885)
"A good rain.
Corn is coming up.
Here we are again.
Sunday School next Sunday at half past nine.
Adam Stroh raised his barn last Thursday.
There was a prayer meeting last Sunday after Sunday School.
The rain Sunday evening made a general disappointment all around.
Some ladies were calling the other evening to see what was going on. They were disappointed.
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sebert have moved into George Foster's house where they will reside in the future."

(August 13, 1885)
"The second quarterly meeting of the M.E. Church will be held next Saturday and Sunday at Norris Chapel. The presiding elder will be present."

# EVENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

## COOKBOOKS:

The WSCS had a cookbook printed in 1952. We purchased 100 books at a cost of $250.00. We used advertisements to pay for cost of the books. Donna Rosenberry, President of WSCS at the time went around and asked for money to advertise in our cookbook and she collected $284.50. Most of the companies who advertised paid between $2.00 and $15.00. Because of the advertising the books cost $2.50 a piece, which otherwise would have been $.75. A second cookbook was printed in 1968, costing $1,290 for 505 cookbooks. They were sold for $3.25 each. Millie Eberly sold 84 cookbooks and Hilma Culler sold 66. In 1979 a third cookbook was printed costing $6,000 for 2,000 and sold for $5.00 each. A fourth cookbook was printed in August of 1993. There was an error during printing; the picture on the front cover was printed backward. Therefore, Norris received 828, but only paid for 751 (77 free cookbooks) costing $2,796.72 or $3.80 a cookbook. They were sold for $7.25 each. A fifth cookbook is currently in process now, to be printed by 2,000.

## PIE CRUSTS:

In October of 1993, the Willing Workers' Class started making pie crust. Hilma Culler suggested this as a money making project. The first order was for around 100 crusts. They charged 75¢ for singles or flats and $1.50 for doubles. In 1997 they increased the price to $1.00 per crust to cover the cost of pie tins. At the time of this printing, they have made pie crusts 25 times, amounting to 8,320 pie crusts. They are made $6,400.00 on this project, which has gone toward the building fund. They usually have 9-10 women working on this project. Each person furnishes at least a 5# bag of Gold Medal Flour and a 3# can of Crisco depending on the size of the orders. The biggest order was for 695 crusts and it took two half-days to finish. Lisa Myers holds the record for the most orders turned in on pie crusts.

## CLASSES AND FELLOWSHIPS:

**Willing Workers' Class** was organized around 1950 with four couples. Harold Albert was the first president. May of 1982 the older class and Willing Workers' Class became one class.

**Young Disciples' Class** was organized in 1967 with the first meeting at Richard Fitch's home. Glen Myers was elected first president.

**Young Crusaders' Class** was organized in 1978. Later the Young was dropped and the class became the Crusaders' Class.

**Good Shepherds' Class** was organized for the young people. Targeted were those individuals who had graduated high school and unmarried persons. Greg Myers was the first president.

**Men's Fellowship** was organized March 17, 1974.

| Year | President |
|---|---|
| 1974-80 | Wayne Culler |
| 1981-83 | Wayne Myers |
| 1984-85 | Jeff Myers |
| 1986 | Wayne Myers |
| 1987-88 | Glen Myers |
| 1989-90 | Jeff Myers |
| 1991-92 | Jerry Gill |
| 1993-95 | Greg Myers |
| 1996-97 | Wayne Myers |
| 1998-99 | Jerry Gill |
| 2000-01 | Dan Shuman |

**WSCS**- Women's Society of Christian Service organized September 12, 1940 with the following charter members:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Katie Moore | Hazel Rennecker | Florence Staley |
| Faye Charleswood | Ida Fuller | Bessie Richardson |
| Beatrice Weicht | Mary Lower | Ella Rosenberry |
| Clydia Barnhart | Ethel Troyer | Evelyn D. Zeisloft |
| Faye Miller | Eva Kettle | |

First officers of the WSCS: President-Katie Moore, Vice President-Ida Fuller, Recording Secretary-Evelyn Zeisloft, Assistant Secretary-Bessie Richardson, and Treasurer-Hazel Rennecker.

Before this time, the women's group was called the Ladies Aid. Currently, the women's group is called the United Methodist Women.

| Year | President | Year | President |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1940-42 | Katie Moore | 1976-79 | Carolyn Heffley |
| 1942-45 | Ida Fuller | 1979-81 | Violet Wallace |
| 1945-46 | Thelma Warner | 1982 | Martha Albert |
| 1946-51 | Ida Fuller | 1983-84 | Connie Zerkle |
| 1951-52 | Ann Albert | 1985 | Nancy Wallace |
| 1952-55 | Donna Rosenberry | 1986-87 | Roberta Parkison |
| 1956-60 | Alberta Cochran | 1988 | Clara Haiflich |
| 1960-61 | Ruth Culler | 1989-90 | Carole Reynolds |
| 1961-62 | Addie Myers | 1991-92 | Kay Findley |
| 1962-63 | Ann Albert | 1993-95 | Zella Warstler |
| 1963-64 | Helen Rosenberry | 1996 | Clara Haiflich |
| 1964-65 | Eva Baker | 1997-99 | Phyllis Myers |
| 1965-67 | Phyllis Myers | 2000-01 | Gail Norton |
| 1967-70 | Hilma Culler | | |
| 1970-72 | Martha Freed | | |
| 1072-73 | Phyllis Myers | | |
| 1073-75 | Carolyn Heffley | | |
| 1075-76 | Jan Myers | | |

**SUPPER: "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"**

Norris Chapel hosts three suppers during the year. The Spring Supper, sponsored by the Women's Group is held on the third Saturday in April. The Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Men's Group is held on the first Saturday in August. Finally the Harvest Supper, sponsored by the Women's Group and held on the third Saturday in October. All individuals in the church are encouraged to participate in this labor of love for the community. Beginning with preparing the menu, setting up the tables and chairs, requests for prepared foods or food supplies, serving at the salad table, dessert table, or main dishes, waiting on tables serving drinks and etc., making coffee, cutting pies, and cakes, cleaning tables, parking cars, running the dishwasher or doing dishes, mopping kitchen and clean up there is someone everyone can do to assist in this labor of love.

**DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study classes were stared at Norris Chapel in 1996 with Pastor Stevan Haiflich's leadership. Disciple Bible Study classes have continued each year. These classes are 34 and 32 weeks of Disciple Bible Study for adults of all ages. There are currently three different Disciple Bible Study classes to choose from. Disciple Bible Study I, II, III. During 1998 Disciple, Norris Chapel and Maple Grove combined for a Sunday night class, accommodating those who could not attend the regular Monday night study class. Each class each year is concluded with a retreat at Epworth Forest for the finale. Truly a BLESSED experience for all who attend.

# SUPERINTENDENTS

Accurate Records from 1967 to present

| | |
|---|---|
| Orin Nimmons | |
| John Albert Rennecker | |
| Robert Fuller | |
| Gertrude Metcalf | |
| Scott Rhode | |
| Eugene Carper | |
| M. Wilson | |
| Katie Moore | |
| James Miller | |
| Darwin Troyer | |
| Albert Weicht | |
| Donna Rosenberry | |
| Keith Culler | |
| Donald Myers | |
| Donald Korff | 1967 |
| Wayne Myers | 1968-71 |
| Gene Warstler | 1972-74 |
| Thornton Zeisloft | 1975 |
| Wayne Myers | 1976-1977 |
| Clars Haiflich | 1978-1979 |
| Ron Hefty | 1980-1982 |
| Glen Myers | 1983-1985 |
| Keith Zerkle | 1986-1987 |
| Glen Myers | 1988-1990 |
| Jeff Myers | 1991-1995 |
| Kerry Keffley | 1996-1997 |
| Dan Shuman | 1998-1999 |

# GRADUATES OF LAY SPEAKERS' SCHOOL

In 1977

Allen Albert
Connie Zerkle
Ron Hefty
Jean Warstler
Gene Warstler
Glenda Woodcox
Wayne Myers
Bernice Wehnert
Beverly Martin
Delbert Martin
Glen Myers

Later

Ron Grable
Jan Myers
Wayne Culler

## PIANISTS

Eudoskoie Rennecker Keller
Oren Nimmons
Agatha Kruse Shoudel
Trudy Wilson Boren
Ruth Stonebracker Beard
marie Bishop Miller
Ruth Wilson
Irene Miller Bisel
Helen Smith
Donna Rennecker Carnahan
Evelyn Zeisloft Zabel
Fern metcalf Johns
Florence Staley
Carrie McBride
Mirta Myers
helen Rosenberry
Ruth Culler
Beth Heffley
Diane Korff
Retha Martin
Jean Warstler
Rowenna Zerkle
Phyllis Myers
Susan Zeisloft Boyle
Kris Opper
Cathy Myers Brown
Danielle Hefty

## ORGANISTS

Helen Rosenberry
Beth Heffley
Carol Warstler
Phyllis Myers
Kris Opper

## NEWSLETTER REPORTERS

The Norris Star (name submitted by Wayne Culler)

| | |
|---|---|
| Ruth Culler & Jean Warstler | 1967-72 |
| Jan Myers | 1972 |
| Millie Eberly | 1972 |
| Zella Warstler | 1972 |
| Nan Grable | 1972 |
| Diane Meshberger | 1980 |
| Carolyn Heffley | 1981-Dec 82 |
| (the Norris Star name was dropped) | |
| Marlene Williams | 1983-90 |
| Zella Warstler | 1983-90 |
| Hilma Culler | 1983-90 |
| Carolyn Trubey | 1983-90 |
| Carolyn Trubey | 1991-99 |
| Hilma Culler | 1991-99 |
| Nancy Wallace | 1991-99 |

# CHURCH TREASURERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Beatrice Weicht | |
| Lester Rennecker | |
| Florence Staley | |
| Mirta Myers | |
| Helen Rosenberry | |
| Harold Albert | |
| Addie Myers | 1967-69 |
| Majorie Zeisloft | 1968-73 |
| Diana Meschber | 1974 |
| Martha Albert | 1975-77 |
| Wayne Culler | 1978-86 |
| John Ramer | 1986-88 |
| Hal Williams | 1988-Present |

# CHURCH JANITORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ralph Staley | 1940 |
| Bill Pierce | 1947 |
| Thomas Mohr | 1948 |
| Bill Pierce | 1951 |
| WSCS | 1952 |
| Glen Myers | 1963 |
| Gary Norton | 1964 |
| Grant Norton | 1965 |
| MYF | 1966 |
| Hilma Culler | 1967 |
| Martha Freed | 1972 |
| Deanna Treesh | 1977 |
| Volunteers | 1983 |

## WSCS PRESIDENTS

| Year | President |
|---|---|
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| 2000-01 | Gail Norton |

## MEN'S PRESIDENTS

| Year | President |
|---|---|
| 1974-80 | Wayne Culler |
| 1981-83 | Wayne Myers |
| 1984-85 | Jeff Myers |
| 1986 | Wayne Myers |
| 1987-88 | Glen Myers |
| 1989-90 | Jeff Myers |
| 1991-92 | Jerry Gill |
| 1993-95 | Greg Myers |
| 1996-97 | Wayne Myers |
| 1998-99 | Jerry Gill |
| 2000-01 | Dan Shuman |

# DIRECTORY

The first church directory of family pictures was published in 1968 with Everett Haines as pastor. The second directory was published in 1981. The third directory was published in 1986. Dewey Findley was pastor during both publications in 1981 and 1986. The fourth directory was published in 1991. The fifth and latest directory was published in 1996. Stevan Haiflich was pastor during both publications in 1991 and 1996.

# LAY WITNESS MISSION

The first Lay Witness Mission was held November 30, December 1st and 2nd of 1973.

The second Lay Witness Mission was held January 24th, 25th and 26th of 1975. Pastor Hanawalt was presiding at Norris Chapel during this time.

The third Lay Witness Mission was held December 1st, 2nd and 3rd of 1978. Pastor Spencer was presiding at Norris Chapel during this period.

The fourth Lay Witness Mission was held May of 1983.

The fifth Lay Witness Mission was held in October 1986. Pastor Dewey Findley was presiding during this time. George Wick was the coordinator for the weekend.

The sixth Lay Witness Mission was held in November of 1994. Pastor Stevan Haiflich was presiding at the time.

The seventh Lay Witness Mission was held during Valentine's Day weekend on February 12th, 13th and 14th of 1999. The theme was "In the River of Life: Use GOD as your Anchor" and the theme song was "The Anchor Holds". Norris Chapel had an interim pastor at that time, retired Pastor Sid Short. The coordinator for this weekend was Richard Nuock. A tribute to George Wick for his service to God was recognized during this weekend, as George had recently passed away. Eva, his wife, participated on team. Many lives were changed: new commitments, re-dedicated lives, and a spiritual healing for some. One of the main events, was how the youth and children were strengthened as a result of the weekend. Several people from Norris Chapel signed up to participate in the Lay Witness Team Program.

# OTHER EVENTS & HAPPENINGS THROUGH THE YEARS

## RETREATS:

October 13, 14 & 15, 1972 Norris Chapel had a combined retreat and Lay Witness weekend.

June 28-30, 1974 a retreat was held at Pankopp's Campgrounds north of Corunna for the families with Rev. and Mrs. Hanawalt leading in the study of the Book of Revelation.

November 22-24, 1974 a retreat was held at Cartwright Cottage at Epworth Forest under the leadership of Rev. Sparks.

July 16-18, 1976 a retreat was held at Vic Timmerman's Pond. Theme was "meaning of scripture in our 200 year history" with Celebration Group from Taylor University.

November 12-14, 1976 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest with leadership by Rev. Sparks.

July 22-24, 1977 a retreat was held at Vic Timmerman's Pond.

November 9-11, 1979 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest under the leadership of Rev. Harold L. Leininger.

November 13-15, 1981 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest with leadership by Jim Lagrow.

November 12-14, 1982 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest with leadership by Rev. Dexter Garmon.

April 1986 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest.

March 1987 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest.

March 20-21, 1998 a Ladies Day Away retreat was held at the Covered Bridge Retreat in North Webster, IN. Roxie Walter from Maple Grove organized this retreat.

September 1998 a retreat was held at Epworth Forest. The retreat weekend concluded with a Youth Rally held at Epworth. The Rally featured a young group call The Normals. There were approximately 3-4,000 young people at this rally, coming from several states. Young people did all the witnessing for Christ! A very powerful day!

March 1999 a Ladies Day Away retreat was held at the Covered Bridge Retreat in North Webster, IN. Ladies from both Maple Grove and Norris Chapel participated this year. The study guide was "God's Garden of Grace" by Elizabeth George. Roxie Walter of Maple Grove organized this retreat again this year.

## MISSIONS:

In 1994 eight people attended a work camp in Jamaica. Pastor Steve and Shirley Haiflich, Dobie Opper, Tom Ford, Kerry Heffley, Delilah Hare, Dave and Pam Manon.

In 1997 six people attended a work camp in Jamaica. Pastor Steve and Shirley Haiflich, Emma Perry (Haring), Dan and Tammy Shuman and Janet Sutton of Waterloo.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS:

In 1963, the church created a calendar, which listed all birthdays and anniversaries of the people of Norris.

In 1968, the Library was started with Martha Freed as first Librarian. Also the candelabra and candle lighters were purchased.

In July of 1972, the Willing Workers' Class purchased a new pulpit.

In 1980, Norris Chapel celebrated 100 years. Parishioners dressed costumes of that time period. Pastor Dewey Findley rode up to Sunday Service on a horse. All participated in a great celebration.

In 1982, the Food Pantry was started and maintained until 1988. This service was offered to those in need in the county. This same year the overhead fans were installed in the sanctuary.

In January of 1985, our public address system was installed at a cost of $1,320.00.

In 1991, Norris Chapel held a Consecration Service for the new fellowship hall.

Iris Ramer and Donna Carnahan, in memory of their mother, Hazel Rennecker, donated the stained glass windows located on the south wall of the sanctuary.

In 1992, air conditioning was installed at a cost of $3,000.00.

In 1994, Shirley Haiflich and Sandy Armstrong started the Kid's Club. A contest was held and the new name became "God's Squad". This program was held on Wednesday evenings.

In 1996, Norris Chapel started having two services. The first service is at 8:00 AM, with Sunday School at 9:15 AM and the second service at 10:45 AM.

In 1997, Norris Chapel began Phase I of the parking lot cementing project.

In 1998, five women from Norris Chapel, Maple Grove and Auburn United Methodist Churches attended Heritage Keepers (female version of Promise Keepers) in Indianapolis. Guests for the program included Sandi Patty, Point of Grace and Kathy Troccoli. The speakers were inspirational! Norris Chapel ladies shared some of the music upon their return.

In 1999 as a direct result of the follow-up meeting after the conclusion of Lay Witness Weekend, the God's Squad program was restarted. Under the new leadership of Joann Sprague and Peggy Moore, the name was changed to "New Beginnings" to reflect the spirit of the time. The program is still held on Wednesday evenings at Norris Chapel.

Praise Time began on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. Praise Time is a mid-week program with Contemporary Praise Music, Adoration, Prayer and Thanksgiving to God.

On June 26th Heritage Keepers was held in Indianapolis. Seven women attended this year. The churches that were represented in our group were Norris Chapel, Bible Baptist and the Lutheran Church from Fort Wayne. Guest speakers included Ruth Graham McIntyre (Billy Graham's daughter), Dr. RoseAnne Coleman, Dee Brestin, Marge Caldwell, and Carol Kent. Special music guests were Sandi Patty and Sierra. Again, we came away renewed in our commitment to tell the next generation so they will know- Psalm 78:4-7.

Several of the men from Norris Chapel have attended Promise Keepers. First time they camped out at Pontiac, Michigan in 1997. In 1998 they went to Indianapolis. It is exciting to see them return renewed and restored with the love of Jesus Christ. Some of the men have even shared this weekend with their sons, AWESOME.

The number of people from Norris Chapel, attending the Emmaus Walk has increased. This walk is focused on a *personal relationship with God.* The walk is centered on your personal relationship and what it means. Those who have participated have returned with increased energy to seek and do the will of God, as better leaders, for our church, more active and more effective. OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!!!

Music concerts were held at Norris Chapel ranging from Country Music, Contemporary Music by Ray LeFevra and Mike Reese, to Jamaican Music presented by Donahue Stewart. Area churches and youth groups also participated at Norris. Years back we had many groups performing. Some remembered are: The Singing Rories from Osceola, IN, The Burden Lifters from Fort Wayne, IN, The Harmonaires from Nappanee, IN, Dave & Duanne Thrush from Butler, IN, Marc and Debbie Hamman from Hamilton, IN and The Merrills from Fowlerton, IN. In regards to The Merrills, a tragic industrial accident left him blind and he only saw five of his nine children.

# DEATHS

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|---|---|
| 10-13-46 | Olive Beatrice Weicht |
| 1949 | Darwin Troyer |
| 08-24-52 | Bertha Culler |
| 12-15-52 | Mimmie Weicht |
| 10-08-57 | Myrtle Lee |
| 04-01-59 | Carrie McBride |
| 1960 | Bill Myers |
| ? | Katie Moore |
| ? | Faye Miller |
| 11-04-62 | Delbert McBride |
| 12-30-63 | Glen Heffley |
| 01-22-64 | Helen Rosenberry |
| 09-26-65 | Pauline Hefty |
| 10-9or10-66 | Burdette Charleswood |
| 01-20-68 | Eva Kettle |
| March '68 | Mary Lower |
| 02-04-69 | Mirta Myers |
| 05-04-69 | Cheryl Korff (killed in auto accident) |
| 09-26-69 | Frank Beckwith |
| 11-01-69 | Orla Schrader |
| 12-28-69 | Anna Schrader |
| 09-14-70 | Faye Charleswood |
| July '71 | Bob Fuller |
| 04-15-72 | Ruth Depew |
| 05-26-72 | Max Heffley |
| 06-10-73 | Ralph Staley |
| 01-25-74 | Ernest Wallace |
| 03-04-74 | Elson Brown |
| 04-11-74 | Mildred Brown |
| 11-25-74 | Ray Haynes |
| 03-26-77 | Rev. Simon |
| 08-24-77 | Rachel Culler |
| 09-29-77 | Lester Rennecker |
| 10-07-77 | Hazel Haynes |
| 10-13-77 | Ruth Bleeks |
| 05-05-78 | Gail Kreischer |
| 11-13-78 | Kenneth Heffley |
| 06-28-79 | Ivan Rosenberry |
| 01-12-80 | Lola Surface |
| 03-25-81 | Rev. Hanawalt |
| 06-02-81 | Goldie Weicht |
| 09-23-81 | Opal Heffley |
| 03-18-82 | Bernard Werner |
| 02-01-83 | Ed Freeman |
| 05-01-83 | Rev. Shady |
| 06-21-83 | Faye Freeman |
| 07-13-84 | Hazel Beckwith |
| 02-06-85 | Orpha Rosenberry |
| 02-14-85 | Ted Warstler |
| 12-17-84 | Elnora Kelley |
| 04-25-85 | Willis Souder |
| 11-20-85 | Harold Albert |
| 10-08-86 | Joe Culler |
| 10-17-86 | Wayne Culler |
| 03-11-87 | Robert Metcalf |
| 06-22-87 | Roy Culler |
| 07-08-87 | Don Myers |
| 07-11-87 | Carolyn Heffley |
| 03-03-88 | Ida Fuller |
| 07-20-88 | Sam Eberly |
| August '88 | Cecil Fitch |
| 10-13-88 | Rev. Spencer |
| 10-31-88 | Florence Staley |
| 09-22-89 | Thelma Werner |
| 10-02-89 | Hazel Rennecker |
| 03-23-90 | Keith Culler |
| 06-30-90 | Mildred Eberly |
| 03-04-91 | Wanda Heffley |
| 06-30-91 | Walker Kelley |
| 09-05-91 | Josephine Fitch |
| 02-28-92 | Marcella Brown |
| 10-29-92 | Ann Albert |
| 12-16-92 | Albert Weicht |
| 07-09-93 | Deetta Buttermore |
| 12-22-94 | Dale Heitz |
| 02-14-95 | Addie Myers |
| 02-28-96 | Brad Zeisloft |
| 04-13-96 | Ella Culler |
| 04-22-96 | Rev. Dicken |
| 06-02-98 | John Ramer |
| 06-15-98 | Loyal F. Norton |
| 07-14-98 | Robert Charleswood |
| 11-10-98 | Lynn Fuller |
| 06-18-99 | Marsha Heller |
| 07-28-99 | Zella Warstler |
| 09-09-99 | Phyllis Metcalf |

# MEMORIALS

**Picture of Jesus knocking** in memory of Minnie Weicht, given by Albert Weicht.

**Collection Plates** in memory of Myrtle Lee, given by Willing Worker's Class.

**Six Folding Tables** in memory of Helen Rosenberry, given by Ivan Rosenberry family and Willing Worker's Class.

**Cross on Altar** in memory of Helen Rosenberry, given by Ivan Rosenberry family.

**March '67** **Stained Glass Window** in memory of Glenn Heffley, given by Heffley family.

**March'68** **Baptismal Fount** in memory of Faye Miller, given by Faye Miller family.

**Feb'69** **Picture of Jesus and Lamb** in memory of Eva Kettle and Pauline Hefty, given by Hefty family.

**Feb' 72** **Pew Cushions** in memory of Helen Rosenberry by Grandma Vera Hart Estate, given by Ivan Rosenberry children (Sondra Caldwell, Deanna and Ed Shull, Pat and Dale Ackerman and Barbara and Dallas Haycase).

**1980** **Song Books Purchased** in memory of Ralph Staley, Lester Rennecker, Hazel Haynes and Ivan Rosenberry given by Willing Worker's Class, Young Disciples' Class, Florence Staley and Mr. And Mrs. Albert Weicht.

**1986** **20 Choir Robes** in memory of Orpha Rosenberry, given by her family. They gave $1000 and the robes cost $1481.50. The $481.50 was donated.

**1987** **Piano in basement** in memory of Wayne Culler, donated by Hilma Culler.

**1988** **Book Shelves in library, mixer and candle savers** in memory of Rachel Norton, Loyal's mother, given by Loyal and Virginia Norton.

**1989** **Pulpit Bench, memorial book and children's tapes** in memory of Willis Souder, given by Bill and Marjorie Souder.

**1989** **Pews** Refinished in memory of Harold Albert, given by Ann Albert.

**1991** **2 Refrigerators and 2 Stoves for new kitchen** in memory of Keith Culler, given by Ruth Culler.

**1991** **Stained Glass Windows in Back of Sanctuary** in memory of Hazel and Lester Rennecker, given by John and Iris Ramer and Donna Carnahan.

**1993** **Dishwasher** in memory of Ann Albert and Albert Weicht, given by their families.

# MEMORIALS
Continued

**8/28/94** **New Hymnals** donated as follows: ($14.00 a book)

| | **In Honor/Memory of:** | **Donated by:** |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | In memory of our Loved Ones | Pastor Steve & Shirley Haiflich |
| 1 | To the Glory of God | Pastor Steve & Shirley Haiflich |
| 2 | Harold & Ann Albert | Keith & Connie Zerkle |
| 1 | Ted Warstler | George, Nan, Ben, & Josh Armstrong |
| 2 | To all those who I know and loved at Norris Chapel who have gone on before me. | Craig & Kathy Smith |
| 1 | Albert & Beatrice Weicht | Max & Carolyn Trubey |
| 2 | Honor of all of our family | Jack & Nancy Wallace |
| 1 | Ted Warstler | Dan, Tammy, Bryce & Brad Shuman |
| 5 | Ted Warstler | Zella Warstler |
| 2 | Ernest Wallace | Violet Wallace |
| 1 | Rachel Norton | Loyal & Virginia Norton |
| 1 | Maudie Cordial | Larry & Gail Norton |
| 1 | Gabriel Cordial | Larry & Gail Norton |
| 1 | Irene "Granny" Hare | Rod & DeLila Hare |
| 2 | Elmer J. Winslow | David & Pam Manon |
| 3 | Gail Ann Kreischer | Lester & Dorothy Waterson |
| 1 | Hazel & Lester Rennecker | John & Iris Ramer |
| 1 | Hazel & Lester Rennecker | Donna Carnahan |
| 1 | Ralph O. Heffley | George & Carole Henry |
| 1 | Ralph N. Heffley | George & Carole Henry |
| 1 | Robert E. Holdeman | Ingermar & Kris Opper |
| 1 | Gene T. Opper | Ingermar & Kris Opper |

**1996** **Picture and Eternal Light** in memory of Brad Zeisloft, given by his wife Kay and his parents, Thornton and Marjorie Zeisloft.

**1999** **First Phase of cement for drive up and parking lot** in memory of John Ramer, given by Iris Ramer.

**1999** **2 Stained Glass windows in foyer, birth and death of Jesus** in memory of Loyal Norton, given by his family and in memory of Ennis Cordial, Gail Norton's father, given by his family. Installed on 12-21-99.

**1999** **1 Stained Glass window in foyer, praying hands** in memory of Phyllis Metcalf, given by her family. To be installed February 2000.

# DRAMAS PERFORMED

Since 1980 at the Centennial Celebration at Norris Chapel, the church has had a good ministry presenting messages through dramas.

**DRAMA: "THE CLOSED DOOR"** Director: Ruth Culler

*Cast:*

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|---|---|
| Noah, a middle-aged farmer | Wayne Culler |
| Joakin, Noah's friend | Glen Myers |
| Woodworkers | Dale Heitz, John Ramer, Harold Albert & Keith Culler |
| Hami, Noah's Son | Eldon Ousley |
| Shem, Noah's Son | Dale Parkinson |
| Japheth, Noah's Son | Keith Zerkle |

*Performed at:*

100 year Celebration: September 1980 at Norris Chapel

| | |
|---|---|
| 10-12-80 | Garrett Methodist |
| 10-19-80 | Ossian Methodist |
| 11-22-80 | Meese Methodist |
| 02-01-81 | Maple Grove Methodist |
| 04-01-81 | Woodruff Grove |
| 11-01-81 | East Liberty |
| 01-26-82 | Waterloo Methodist – Men's Club |

**DRAMA: "THE BETRAYAL"** Director: Ruth Culler 1982 & 1983 Easter

*Cast:*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jesus | | Keith Zerkle |
| Peter | | Glen Myers |
| John | | Wayne Myers |
| Judas | | Keith Henderson |
| James | | Grant Norton |
| Caiaphas | | Don Meschberger |
| Pilate | | Roy Charleswood |
| Soldiers | No.1 | Sam Culler |
| | No. 2 | John Woolever |
| | No. 3 | Richard Fleener |
| Joseph of Arimathea | | Steve Culler |

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|---|---|---|
| Hooded Figure | | Ron Hefty |
| Citizens | No. 1 | Arkie Haiflich |
| | No. 2 | Dale Heitz |
| | No. 3 | Jeff Myers |
| | No. 4 | Hal Williams |
| Other Disciples: | | |
| | | John Ramer |
| | | Denny Zeisloft |
| | | Larry Heffley |
| | | Dale Parkinson |
| | | Bob Charleswood |
| | | Craig Smith |
| | | Grant Norton |
| | | Thornton Zeisloft |
| | | Harold Albert |

**DRAMA: "SUCH A SIGHT TO SEE"** Directors: Dewey & Kay Findley March 27, 1983

*Cast:*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Announcer | Michelle Weilbaker | Widow | RoEnna Zerkle |
| 2nd Announcer | Marci Freed | Bartimeus | Dewey Findley |
| 3rd Announcer | Laurie Culler | Levi | Sam Culler |
| Judas | Hal Williams | Mary | Cathy Kline |
| Simon | Jeff Myers | | |

Costumes and Lighting: Marlene and Tammy Williams
Set: Lisa Myers and Ron Herrick
Sound: Traci Weilbaker

**DRAMA: "LOVES ANGUISH"** Director: Ruth Culler 1984

*Cast:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Salome (mother of James & John) | Marlene Williams |
| Mary (mother of Jesus) | Kay Findley |
| John (disciple of Jesus) | Jeff Myers |
| James (disciple of Jesus) | Ron Hefty |
| Matthew (disciple of Jesus) | Wayne Culler |
| Judas (disciple of Jesus) | Keith Henderson |
| Peter (disciple of Jesus) | Steve Culler |
| Claudia | Sandi Anderson |
| The Herald | Glen Myers |
| Pilate | Roy Charleswood |
| Jesus | Keith Zerkle |
| Thieves | Dewey Findley |
| | Brian Reynolds |
| Citizens | Laurie Culler |
| | Dale Parkinson |
| | Gail Norton |
| | Allen Albert |
| Roman Soldiers | John Woolever |
| | Richard Flener |
| | Sam Culler |
| | Rob Zerkle |
| Women | Diana Meschberger |
| | Jan Myers |
| Persons | Linda Myers |
| | Joan Myers |
| | Hal Williams |
| | Grant Norton |

**DRAMA: "WHO IS THIS JESUS"** Director: Ruth Culler 1985

*Cast:*

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|---|---|
| Narrator | Allen Albert |
| Lois, a maid in the place of Caiaphas, the high priest | Laurie Culler |
| Miriam, friend of Lois who also works as a maid | Kay Findley |
| Peter, a beloved disciple of Christ | Steven Culler |
| Malchus, a servant and kinsman of Caiaphas who likes Lois | Jeff Myers |
| Caiaphas, the high priest at the time of the Crucifixion | Glen Myers |
| Annas, Father-in-law of Caiaphas, also a priest | Wayne Culler |
| John, one of the chief priests | Brian Reynolds |
| Alexander, another of the chief priests | Arkie Haiflich |
| Pilate, Judean Governor at the time of Jesus Crucifixion | Rev. Dewey Findley |
| Helena, Pilate's wife | Gail Norton |
| Marcellus, Pilate's chief aid | Hal Williams |
| Julian, a solider | Keith Henderson |
| Blind Man | Sam Culler |
| Lame Man | Wayne Myers |
| Mary Magdalene, first witness of the resurrection | Diana Meschberger |
| Samaritan Woman, woman at the well | Rosemary Henderson |
| Simon, man who carried the cross | Dale Parkinson |
| Soldier No. 1, guarded the tomb | John Woolever |
| Soldier No. 2, senior officer who also guarded tomb | Don Meschberger |

**DRAMA: "WHO IS THIS MAN"** Director: Ruth Culler 1986

*Cast:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Daphne | Gail Norton |
| Claudia | Laurie Culler |
| Pilate | Dewey Findley |
| Jesus | Keith Culler |
| Daniel | Larry Norton |
| Josiah | Ron Hefty |
| Simon | Thomas Ford |
| Joseph | Brian Reynolds |
| Nicodemus | Hal Williams |
| Mary | Colleen Reynolds |
| Martha | Kay Findley |
| Lazarus | Wayne Myers |
| Soldier | John Woolever |
| Judas | Keith Henderson |
| Peter | Dale Parkinson |
| James | John Hatfield |
| John | Jack Wallace |
| Phillip | Arkie Haiflich |
| Bartholomew | Dale Heitz |
| Thomas | John Ramer |
| Andrew | Steven Culler |
| Roman Advisor | Keith Culler |

| Year | Drama | Cast |
|---|---|---|
| Sept '89 | Give Me Your Dreams | Gail Norton, Dewey Findley and Greg Myers |
| Oct '89 | Telephone Conversation with God | Larry Norton |
| Nov '89 | I Promise | Cathy Culler, Pam Manon, Kay Findley, Gail Norton and Larry Norton<br>Voices & Solo: Wayne Myers |
| Jan '90 | The Great Plan | Nan Armstrong, Marjorie Zeisloft<br>Gail Norton and Larry Norton |
| Mar ' 90 | Abandoned | Ben Armstrong, Kirk Sells, Lance Louthan<br>John Ramer, Ron Hefty and<br>Voice: Larry Norton |
| Palm Sunday 1990 | Palm Sunday Parade | Dave Manon and Gail Norton |
| 1990 | First Place | Pam Warner, Cathy Culler, Pam Manon and Gail Norton |
| Sept '91 | Give Me Your Dreams | Gail Norton, Larry Norton and Greg Myers |
| Dec '92 | Advent Season:<br>Expectations | Marjorie Zeisloft and John Ramer |
| | Trusting God | Pam Warner and Greg Myers |
| | Wise Men Still Seek Him | Angie Culler, Jody Norton, Penny Henderson, Inger Fretel |
| | The Best Gift of All | Josh Armstrong, Jeff Ford, Nathan Culler, Ted Trenary, Tony Trenary, Rachel Reynolds, and Kory Henderson |
| 6-27-93 | Jesus Asks for an Account of Yourself | Gail Norton |
| Sept '94 | Crossroads | Glen Myers, Steve Haiflich, Gail Norton, Cathy Culler |
| Nov '94 | Phone Conversation | Gail Norton |
| Sept '96 | Phone Conversation | Cathy Culler and Gail Norton |
| Mar '98 | A Long Time 'Til Easter | Dobie Opper, John Sprague, Gail Norton, Pat Martin, Jeff Myers and Steve Haiflich |

# CHOIR

The choir was organized in April of 1954. The first choir practice was held in the home of Sadie Lytel. The first song that was sung was "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Ruth Culler was the choir director and has been the director every year but one. Helen Rosenberry was the pianist. Virginia Norton made white robes with black bows in 1956.

The choir has been a big part of the Worship Service since its beginning in 1954. Every year they presented a Spring Program until 1967. When they began to present a Cantata for each Christmas and each Easter.

# ROBES

In December of 1967 the church purchased new robes in blue. Pat Korff ordered them and the total cost was $300.00. In 1974 the choir ordered three more new blue robes.

In March of 1986 new robes were purchased in maroon. The cost was $1481.50 (nineteen @ $73.90 and one for the pianist @ $77.90). At this time, the choir sold the blue robes to a Negro Church in Fort Wayne @ $10 each for a total of $175.00

Wayne Culler donated blue choir folders in November of 1968. Sometime in 1980, Steve and Cathy Culler donated black choir folders.

# SONGBOOKS

First Book remembered was a red book called "Devotional Hymns".

Second Book was brown colored called "The Service Hymnal". In November 1953 the cost each was $2.00. In 1967, replaced three (3) dozen songbooks. In 1974, the Young Disciples purchased 35 songbooks. 88 of these books (all that could be salvaged after water damage) were given to people of Liberia.

Third Book was purchased in 1980; a red book called "Praise" in memory of Ivan Rosenberry, Ralph Staley, Lester and Hazel Rennecker. It contained such beautiful songs. Some of these songbooks went to Betz Nursing Home and the balance went on the Kentucky Mountain Mission Truck.

Fourth Book was purchased in October 1994. It was called "Methodist Hymnal". 100 books were purchased at $14.00 each.

# ORGAN

Norris Chapel has had three organs. In April of 1960 the first organ was purchased at a cost of $700.00. On April 22, 1977 the second organ was purchased at a cost of $4,000.00. In 1998 the third organ was purchased at a cost of $13,500.00.

# MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PLAYED

At times Norris had a regular little orchestra:

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|---|---|
| Lester Rennecker | Violin |
| Ben Werner | Violin |
| Frank Beckwith | Mandolin |
| Doris (Weicht) Menges | Accordion |
| Tom Mohr | Drums |
| Charlotte (Mohr) Castret | Clarinet |
| Diana (Culler) Glaze | Clarinet |
| Leon Kessler | Coronet |
| Imogene (Staley) Miller | Saxophone |
| Glen Myers | Saxophone |

Others who played are:

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|---|---|
| John Ramer | Harmonica |
| Don Warstler | Guitar |
| Evelyn Zabel | Yodeled |

# CHRISTMAS CANTATAS

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|---|---|
| 1967 | CAROL OF CHRISTMAS |
| 1968 | JOY TO THE WORLD |
| 1969 | THE NIGHT THE ANGELS SANG |
| 1970 | IT'S THE LORD'S THING |
| 1971 | THE GLORIOUS MESSAGE |
| 1972 | LOVE TRANSCENDING |
| 1973 | THE JOYOUS NEWS OF CHRISTMAS |
| 1974 | THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A CHRISTMAS |
| 1975 | IT'S THE LORD'S THING |
| 1976 | CAROL OF CHRISTMAS |
| 1977 | RING THE BELLS |
| 1978 | KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (author: Ruth Culler)<br>Drama Cast: Wayne Culler, Nan Grable, Diana Meschberger, Martha Albert, Leta Ousley, Tammy Shuman, Ron Grable, Dale Parkinson, Glen Myers, Wayne Myers, Keith Zerkle and Larry Heffley |
| 1979 | THE INNKEEPER'S STORY (author: Ruth Culler)<br>Drama Cast: Glen Myers as the Innkeeper |
| 1980 | THE OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS |
| 1981 | KING OF KINGS |
| 1982 | JOSEPH THE CARPENTER |
| 1983 | ANGEL'S SONG |
| 1984 | JESUS IS BORN |
| 1985 | THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM |
| 1986 | GOD'S PERFECT GIFT |
| 1987 | A SONG, A STAR, A SON |
| 1988 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| 1989 | FIRST CHRISTMAS |
| 1990 | BETHLEHEM<br>Drama Cast: Dewey as Innkeeper, Jerry Gill, Glen Myers, John Sprague, Jeff Myers, Rod Warner, Kay Findley, Greg Myers and Cathy Culler |
| 1991 | IT'S THE LORD'S THING |
| 1992 | THE STORY OF LOVE<br>Drama Cast: Ron Hefty, Gail Norton, Wayne Myers, Tammy Shuman, Jeff Myers, Cathy Culler, Rod Warner, Greg Myers, Glen Myers, Jerry Gill and John Sprague |
| 1993 | CHRISTMAS PEOPLE |
| 1994 | GREAT, GREAT JOY |
| 1995 | KING OF KINGS |
| 1996 | GABRIEL'S STORY<br>Drama Cast: Jeff Myers as Gabriel |
| 1997 | SING NOEL |
| 1998 | JOSEPH THE CARPENTER<br>Drama Cast:<br>Connie Zerkle and Keith Zerkle as Mary and Joseph |

# EASTER CANTATAS

1967 THE SAVIOR'S LAST WEEK
1968 THE SOUND OF SINGING
1969 WONDERFUL SAVIOUR
1970 THE LAST COMMANDMENT
1971 BEYOND THE CROSS
1972 THOU ART THE CHRIST
1973 EASTER SONG
1974 GLORY TO THE LAMB
1975 WERE YOU THERE
1976 EASTER CELEBRATION
1977 BEYOND THE CROSS
1978 EASTER SONG
1979 I BELIEVE (author: Ruth Culler)
1980 JESUS LIVES
1981 CHRIST IS RISEN (author: Ruth Culler)
1982 JESUS LIVES – FOREVER
1983 HOSANNA
1984 BELOVED SON
1985 HE SET US FREE
1986 BEHOLD THE EMPTY TOMB
1987 UP FROM THE GRAVE

1988 THE LIVING WORD / THE RISEN LORD
Drama Cast: Keith Zerkle as Jesus, Glen Myers, Jerry Gill, Marjorie Zeisloft, Diana Meschberger and Kay Findley

1989 THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION
Drama Cast: Pastor Dewey Findley as Jesus, Wayne Myers, Jeff Myers, John Sprague, Jerry Gill, Marjorie Zeisloft, Kay Findley, Virginia Norton, Cathy Culler, Keith Zerkle and Greg Myers

1990 BEHOLD THE LAMB

1991 PILATE'S PLIGHT
Drama Cast: Pastor Dewey Findley as Pilate, Gail Norton, Debra Casper, Cathy Culler, Jerry Gill, Marjorie Zeisloft, Rod Warner, John Sprague, Jeff Myers, Wayne Myers, Kay Findley and Greg Myers

1992 JESUS' LAST WORDS
Drama Cast: Holly Haiflich, Linda Gill, Glen Myers, Kerry Heffley, Jeff Myers, Carole Reynolds, Ron Hefty, Don Meschberger, Keith Henderson, Rosemary Henderson, John Sprague, Wayne Myers, Jerry Gill, Pastor Steve Haiflich, Gail Norton and Cathy Culler.

1993 FROM THE PALMS TO THE LILIES
Drama Cast: Tom Ford, Jeff Myers, Keith Henderson, Holly Haiflich, Greg Myers, Rod Warner, Wayne Myers, Glen Myers, Pastor Steve Haiflich, Rob Zerkle and Gail Norton

1994 FOLLOW JESUS
Drama Cast: Jeff Myers, Pastor Steve Haiflich, Gail Norton, Jerry Gill, Rod Warner, Greg Myers, Wayne Myers, Glen Myers, John Ramer and Marjorie Zeisloft.

1995 THE GOSPEL STORY

1996 HE IS THE WAY
Drama Cast: Carole Reynolds, Rod Warner, Pat Martin, Jeff Myers, Dobie Opper, Dave Manon, and Gail Norton

1997 HE IS ALIVE
Drama: Mrs. Tree-Gail Norton, Flowers: Jamie Armstrong, Melissa Boyle, Anna Moore, Dana Myers and Angie Moore, Branches: Aaron Reynolds, Brad Shuman, Bryce Shuman, Patrick Manon, Kyle Opper, Tyler Henry and Jacob Ford

1998 LOVE SENT A SACRIFICE

1999 GLORY TO THE LAMB
Drama Cast: Pastor Doug Barber, Wayne Myers, Jeff Myers, Grant Weber, Glen Myers, Greg Myers, Carole Reynolds and Diana Meschberger

# HISTORY OF BALL TEAM

1967 Team was organized by Keith Culler and played two games in Auburn league. Keith Zerkle was the manager.

1968 The Team won six games lost six in the Auburn League. Home runs were: Arkie Haiflich 4, Paul Culler 3, Denny Zeisloft 3, Dale Parkinson 1, Roger Treesh 1, and Gene Warstler 1.

1969 Team entered the St. Joe League. They had eleven wins and three losses. Placed in third place. Home runs as follows: Paul Culler 1, Dale Parkinson 1, Arkie Haiflich 3, Ira Magginis 1, Gene Warstler 1 and Roger Treesh 4.

1970 Team lost two games. Ended up with a two-way tie for first place between Lutherans of St. Joe and Norris. In the play-off Norris lost. Home runs as follows: Donnie Meschberger 2, Roger Treesh 4, Dale Parkison 1, Denny Zeisloft 2, Keith Henderson 1, and Paul Hollabaugh 1.

1971 Norris lost three games. Ended up with a three-way tie with St. Jose Lutherans, Newville Church of Christ and Norris. Lutherans won again in the playoff. Home runs as follows: Steve Culler 1, Roger Treesh5, Denny Zeisloft 5, Paul Hollabaugh 1, Lynn Carper 2, Paul Culler 2, Arkie Haiflich 3, and Donnie Meschberger 1.

1972 Norris lost one game. They took First Place finally. Home runs as follows: Paul Culler 4, Roger Treesh 3, Steve Culler 2, Denny Zeisloft 6, Dale Parkinson 1, Lynn Carper 1, and Donnie Meschberger 1. Keith Culler was Coach.

| | Batting Average | No. of Hits | Times at Bat |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paul Culler | 515 | 34 | 66 |
| Roger Treesh | 500 | 31 | 62 |
| Dale Parkison | 475 | 29 | 61 |
| Denny Zeisloft | 466 | 28 | 60 |
| Donnie Meschberger | 452 | 24 | 53 |
| Ronnie Hefty | 420 | 21 | 50 |
| Steven Culler | 403 | 22 | 55 |
| Arkie Haiflich | 379 | 11 | 29 |
| Lynn Carper | 379 | 10 | 26 |
| Brad Zeisloft | 369 | 18 | 46 |
| Grant Norton | 346 | 17 | 49 |

**Team Batting Average ---------427**

1973 Norris lost one game. They took First Place. Home runs as follows: Roger Treesh 10, Denny Zeisloft 6, Donnie Meschberger 5, Paul Culler 2, Grant Norton 1 and Brad Zeisloft 1.

1974 Norris won about half of the games. We only know that Dan Boren had four home runs. Donnie Meschberger was coach.

1975 Norris had two teams. Norris I and Norris II. Norris II took First Place. Home runs on Norris I: Jeff Myers (inside the park home run), and Norris II: Denny Zeisloft 13, Mark Likens 1, Steve Culler 1, Dan Boren 17, Roger Treesh 12, Arkie Haiflich 2, Marty Likens 2, and Brad Zeisloft 1. Glen Myers, Coach of Team #I, Arkie Haiflich, Coach of Team #II and Keith Culler was Manager.

1976 Norris Chapel still had two teams and Norris II took First Place. Coaches were Glen Myers, Norris I and Keith Culler, Norris II.

1977 Norris still had two teams. Norris II took First Place and Norris I took second place. Norris II won 17 games and lost 2. Home runs as follows: Dan Boren 3, Lynn Carper 2, Paul Culler 2, Mark Likens 5, Grant Norton 1, Lynn Reynolds 2, Ned Shultz 2, Roger Treesh 15, Brad Zeisloft 2, and Denny Zeisloft 9.

| | Batting Average | No. of Hits | Times at Bat |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dan Boren | 813 | 13 | 16 |
| Beth Carper | 250 | 6 | 24 |
| Lynn Carper | 466 | 35 | 75 |
| Rex Carper | 413 | 19 | 46 |
| Paul Culler | 687 | 28 | 46 |
| Steve Culler | 533 | 34 | 64 |
| Mark Likens | 645 | 41 | 62 |
| Martie Likens | 517 | 15 | 29 |
| Grant Norton | 550 | 44 | 80 |
| Elden Owsley | 367 | 23 | 63 |
| Brian Reynolds | 444 | 12 | 27 |
| Lynn Reynolds | 483 | 20 | 41 |
| Ned Shultz | 428 | 9 | 21 |
| Roger Treesh | 712 | 57 | 80 |
| Brad Zeisloft | 560 | 37 | 66 |
| Denny Zeisloft | 514 | 39 | 76 |

**Team batting average ----524.**

1978 Norris was down to one team again. There was a three-way tie for first place. Hicksville church of Christ, Newville United Methodist and Norris. In the playoff Newville United Methodist won. The team lost four games in the season. Steve Culler was coach.

1979 No record, but not first place.

1980 No record, but not first place.

1981 Norris was Tourney Champs and in second place in the league.

1982 Norris was Division Champs, Tourney Champs and First Place in the league, losing one game in the league and one game in the playoff between the divisions. Both loses were to Newville United Methodist. Keith Culler and Roger Treesh were coaches.

| | Batting Average | No. of Hits | Home Runs | Times at Bat |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brad Zeisloft | 518 | 26 | 8 | 83 |
| Rex Carper | 360 | 14 | 0 | 50 |
| Sam Culler | 292 | 14 | 0 | 48 |
| Jeff Myers | 265 | 17 | 1 | 68 |
| Greg Myers | 462 | 22 | 0 | 65 |
| Roger Treesh | 681 | 13 | 12 | 47 |
| Denny Zeisloft | 494 | 23 | 9 | 81 |
| Mark Likens | 453 | 24 | 0 | 64 |
| Hal Williams | 412 | 6 | 0 | 17 |
| Tim Williams | 350 | 6 | 0 | 20 |
| John Woolever | 439 | 28 | 0 | 66 |
| Keith Henderson | 455 | 8 | 0 | 22 |
| George Armstrong | 466 | 22 | 0 | 58 |
| Dale Parkison | 532 | 30 | 3 | 77 |
| Lori Culler | 294 | 5 | 0 | 17 |
| Steve Culler | 333 | 2 | 0 | 6 |

**Team batting average ----425**

1983 Norris won 14 games, and lost 4.

# PRICES THROUGH THE YEARS

Thought you might be interested in the prices charged back in 1953 and 1954 for sandwiches etc. Back then Norris Chapel didn't take donations. Found these in WSCS information.

| **1953 Ice Cream Social Prices** | |
|---|---|
| Sloppy Joe | 20¢ |
| Chicken | 20¢ |
| Hot Dog | 15¢ |
| Potato Salad | 10¢ |
| Baked Beans | 10¢ |
| Cake | 10¢ |
| Pie | 10¢ |
| Pop | 10¢ |
| Coffee | 5¢ |
| Ice Cream | 5¢ a dip |
| **Cleared** | **$252.69** |

| **1954 Ice Cream Social Prices** | |
|---|---|
| | 25¢ |
| | 25¢ |
| | 15¢ |
| | 10¢ |
| | 10¢ |
| | 10¢ |
| | 15¢ |
| | 10¢ |
| | 10¢ |
| | 10¢ a dip |
| | 50¢ a quart |
| **Cleared** | **$336.00** |

| **1999 Ice Cream Social** | | | **1998 Prices** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ham (Cumberland Gap) | 15 lbs. | 1.93/lb. | $28.95 Owens |
| Chicken Leg Qtrs. | 107.8 lbs. | .49/lb. | $52.82 Scotts |
| Turkey Breast | 2 Breasts | 6.25, 6.35 | $12.63 Scotts |
| Whole Vitamin D Milk | 50 Gallons | 1.99/Gal | $99.50 Scotts |
| Evaporated Milk | 66 Cans | 4.59/6 12oz cans | $50.49 Sam's Club |
| White Sugar | 50 lbs. | 18.99/50 lb. Bag | $18.99 Sam's Club |
| Light Brown Sugar | 44 lbs. | 1.99/4 lb. Bag | $21.89 Sam's Club |
| Corn Starch | 8 lbs. | .59/lb. Box | $4.72 Gordons |
| Miracle Whip | 2 Gallons | 5.99/Gal | $11.98 Sam's Club |
| Grade A Large Eggs | 30 dozen | 10.99/15 Doz. Box | $21.98 Sam's Club |
| Black Walnuts | 10 lbs. | 5.99/2 lb. Bag | $29.95 Sam's Club |
| Coffee (Decaf) | 2 lbs. | 7.49/2 lb. Can | $7.49 Sam's Club |
| Aunt Millie's Buns | 50 doz. | 1.41/1 dozen | $70.50 Kaiser's |
| Chocolate Ice Cream Mix | 20-1/2 Gal | 24.90/10-1/2 Gal | $49.80 Kaiser's |
| McDonalds Orange Drink | 2 Gal | 10.82/2 Gal | $10.82 McDonalds |
| DBL Strength Vanilla | 1 Gal | not need this year | $0.00 Watkins |
| Black Walnut Flavoring | 2 oz. | 3.99/2oz bottle | $3.99 Watkins |
| Black Walnut Flavoring | 2 oz. | 2.97/1 oz. bottle | $5.94 Scotts |
| Lemon Extract | 2 oz. | 4.63/2 oz. bottle | $4.63 Scotts |
| Lemon Extract | 32 oz. | 12.95/32oz bottle | $12.95 Gordons |
| Yellow Food coloring | 1 oz. | 2.25/1 oz. bottle | $2.25 Gordons |
| Jell-O Instant Pudding | 11 sm. Boxes | .68/1 sm. Box | $7.48 Wal-Mart |
| Table Paper (plastic) | 300 ft. | 9.49/300 ft. | $9.49 Gordons |
| Pie Plates (6' Styrofoam) | 500 plates | 3.99/250 Ct. | $7.98 Sam's Club |
| Paper Cups (12 oz.) | 225 cups | 6.79/225 cups | $6.79 Sam's Club |
| Sandwich Paper | 500 sheet box | 5.58/500 Ct. | $5.58 Sam's Club |
| Foam Quart Containers | 100 | 1.39/25 Ct. | $5.56 Gordons |
| Quart Container Lids | 100 | 2.65/100 Ct. | $2.65 Gordons |
| | **1998** | **Total Cost** | **$567.80** |

Cleared in 1999 Total Sales $2,002.00 (Prices were not set, DONATIONS ONLY)

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